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# Fletcher says he refused to sign PPA

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, as well as former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham, asked Commonwealth Utilities Corp. acting executive director Alan Fletcher on Aug. 2 to sign the \$190.8-million power purchase agreement but Fletcher told the Special Committee on Impeachment yesterday that he “respectfully declined” to do so because he felt the agreement needed more analysis.

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Commonwealth Utilities Corp. acting executive director Alan Fletcher, right, confers with CUC counsels Deborah Fisher, left, and Rebecca Wrightson, center, during a break in yesterday's Special Committee on Impeachment hearings on Capital Hill.

## Lawmakers' 3-month 'advance' slammed

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial lashed out at the Legislature for allowing a one quarter or three months advancement of funds allocated to individual lawmakers' offices for expenditures for fiscal year 2013 instead of only one month advance. At least one lawmaker said yesterday this will give lawmakers “flexibility” in running their office operations.

“It is unfathomable that a body responsible for appropriating funds for the CNMI government believes advances, even for a quarter, much less a month, is easily done especially during these trying economic times,” Fitial said in his budget message to House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) and Senate

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## Macaraig bids NMI adieu

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His experience with the Philippine Consulate General on Saipan defined his Philippine Foreign Service career, according to Consul General Medardo G. Macaraig in his farewell message to the Filipino community of the Northern Marianas.

Macaraig, who assumed his duties as consul general in July 2009, said his first assignment to lead a foreign service post was beset with challenges that included a struggling economy,

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## Crisis-ridden EU wins Nobel Peace Prize

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OSLO, Norway (AP)—The European Union won the Nobel Peace

Prize on Friday for its efforts to promote peace and democracy in Europe—an award given even though the bloc is struggling with its biggest crisis since it was created in the 1950s.

The Norwegian prize committee said the EU was being honored for six decades of contributions “to the advancement of peace and reconciliation, democracy and human rights in Europe.”

“The stabilizing part played by the European Union has helped to transform a once-torn Europe from a continent of war to a continent of peace,” Nobel committee chairman Thorbjørn Jagland said.

The EU grew out of the tremen-

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# Local

## Hospital's antiquated CT scan to be replaced

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The Commonwealth Health Center will soon have a brand new computerized tomography scanning unit, or CT scan, that will replace its antiquated unit, according to Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. CEO Juan N. Babauta yesterday.

He said the corporation is now working with Oka Services Inc. for the procurement of the new machine.

He approved some \$300,000

for the new unit.

Babauta said the amount will be paid incrementally in three installments and will be sourced from the hospital's revenue and collection, which has lately started to improve.

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services recently slapped CHC with three immediate jeopardy statuses after the federal team uncovered numer-

ous deficiencies in the hospital.

The first immediate jeopardy status relates to non-functioning defibrillators at the hospital. This was resolved this week with the arrival of four brand new defibrillators that will be stationed in the operating room, emergency room, intensive care unit, and the surgery department.

The second immediate jeopardy status involved deficien-

cies found in critical supplies in the laboratory unit, lack of specimen testing, tracking, and accountability.

Babauta disclosed that these critical supplies have started to come in and related policies are being revisited to address this specific concern of Medicare.

The third immediate jeopardy status relates to a malfunctioning CT scan and a broken portable x-ray unit.

Last week, Babauta said the broken CT scan has been repaired and CHC brought back a

portable x-ray unit it loaned to the Tinian Health Center.

Babauta admitted, though, that Medicare had pointed out that the citation will not be addressed by just merely repairing broken equipment.

A CT scan is a diagnostic tool that uses x-rays and a computer to create detailed images of the insides of one's body.

Pursuant to Medicare policy, a provider is given 23 days to correct any deficiencies or it will lose its Medicare funding that amounts to as much as \$10 million a year.

Babauta said that because of the process involved in getting a new CT scan, it will be hard for the corporation to get everything completed within 23 days.

He said the corporation's special committee has been constantly updating Medicare on the status of every action plan they are taking and is hopeful that Medicare will give them some consideration.

Babauta said that most of the deficiencies found by the visiting team were the result of the corporation's funding shortage. It was only given \$5 million in fiscal year 2012 to cover hundreds of personnel, supplies, and day-to-day operations.

## Pacific islands gearing up for historic regional meet

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Over 100 guests and participants from the Pacific and the federal government are scheduled to gather on Saipan for the historic 2012 Regional Pacific Island Preparedness and Emergency Response meeting this month.

The event, to be held at the Kanoa Resort, is slated from Oct. 22 to 26 and is being organized by the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Center for Disease Control and

Prevention's Division of State and Local Readiness.

Warren Villagomez, the corporation's director for emergency and preparedness program, told *Saipan Tribune* that the assembly has two main focus points.

The first day is designed as a training session with CDC's procurement and grants office staff conducting presentations on grants management issues.

On the second day, federal representatives will be providing one-on-one individual technical assistance to attendees.

Villagomez said that among the prime objectives of this session are to provide Pacific Islands and its partners basic understanding of the grants management process, provide references to U.S. laws and policies that govern grants management, discuss the steps involved in completing grant

» **Over 150 participants to hear presentations on preparedness, emergency response**

### BON VOYAGE

Philippine Consul General Medardo G. Macaraig, left, calls on Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) yesterday to say his farewells. Macaraig will be leaving Saipan on Oct. 15 to begin his new assignment as Minister and Consul General of the Philippine Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



## Unscheduled power outage hits Garapan anew

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A primary line of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. tripped off in Garapan, leaving residential and commercial customers in the village, including the Commonwealth Health Center, without power for an hour yesterday afternoon.

CUC spokesperson Rose Ada-Hocog said this was the second emergency power outage in Garapan this past week.

Last Thursday evening, CUC crewmembers also responded

to an emergency outage in the same area. CUC received the call about the power interruption at 8:55pm Thursday and was able to restore power at 10:19pm.

Ada-Hocog said that yesterday's power outage was due to an "electrical fault" after a piece of plywood got blown to the CUC primary line, tripping the outage. Areas affected included Garapan, Upper Navy Hill, Lower Chinatown, and Kristo Rai. *Saipan Tribune* learned that the plywood was from a construction project of

a business establishment in Garapan. Construction work was temporarily stopped until further notice.

Ada-Hocog said that CUC received the call about the outage at 1:47pm and restored power at 2:46pm.

CUC acting executive director Alan Fletcher told *Saipan Tribune* that the plywood affected a three-phase power line that caused CUC's feeder one to trip.

"CUC conferred with local agencies regarding the building site and construction occur-

ring close to power lines. Those agencies are investigating," added Fletcher.

Ada-Hocog also confirmed that an unscheduled power outage occurred in Talafofo Thursday morning after a tree fell into a CUC primary line.

"We continue to encourage the community members that as soon as their power goes out, please give us a call so we can immediately dispatch our crewmembers and address the problem," she said.

Because of the bad weather, Ada-Hocog said that CUC may have to respond to more emergency power interruptions.

## Woman in illegal production of document gets 1-year probation

The federal court has imposed a 12-month probation sentence on one of two women who pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawful production of an identification document.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona handed down the sentence on Xiuqin Weng on Thursday.

Manglona ordered Weng's immediate deportation. Weng is a Chinese national. She is not allowed to re-enter the United States without the permission of the Department of Homeland Security.

If deportation fails to occur and the defendant is released pending further immigration proceedings, Manglona said

that Weng should immediately report to the U.S. Probation Office to begin her probation.

Weng was ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment fee.

Weng's court-appointed counsel, Robert T. Torres, said that their intent is for the defendant to be referred to the U.S. Immigration for her immediate removal or voluntary departure.

The indictment charged Weng and Yufeng Lin with one count of unlawful production of identification document.

According to the indictment, on March 19, 2012, Weng and Lin illegally caused the CNMI Vital Statistics Office of the Department of Public Health to produce a birth certificate for a minor child. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Charges filed vs ex-probation officer amended

The U.S. government filed yesterday a replacement indictment against former Division of Youth Services probation officer Leonard Urumellog Ordonez for alleged conspiracy and distribution of methamphetamine or "ice." The superseding indictment charged Ordonez with one count of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and one count of distribution of methamphetamine. According to the replacement indictment, Ordonez conspired with Robin Norita Sablan and Ofelia Pua Sablan and with other persons to distribute "ice" on March 24, 2011. Ordonez allegedly aided Robin Sablan in the distribution of 0.83 grams of "ice." The original indictment included Robin Sablan and his wife Ofelia as Ordonez's co-defendant in the conspiracy count. The Sablan couple have signed a plea agreement with the U.S. government. They were set to appear yesterday afternoon for a change of plea hearing in federal court. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

#### EMO warns of high surf

The Emergency Management Office issued yesterday a high surf advisory that warns the public to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches due to life threatening rip currents. EMO said that a large west to northwest swell generated by distant Typhoon Prapiroon will produce hazardous surf across the Marianas through early next week. The high surf advisory is in effect until 4pm Tuesday. "Hazardous surf of 7 to 9 feet along west and north facing reefs will rise to 10 to 12 feet on Sunday and remain at these levels through Monday. Surf is expected to fall below hazardous level on Tuesday," states part of the advisory. It advises the public to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches along north and west facing reefs as rip currents are life threatening. (*EMO*)



# DCCA chief hits Legislature for agency's budget cut

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The secretary of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs is disappointed with the funding cuts for his agency in fiscal year 2013, saying it could result in the removal of certain positions and the inability to implement and sustain the agency's programs.

Melvin Faisao said DCCA was one of two government agencies that got the biggest cuts based on the budget bill

signed into law by Gov. Benigno R. Fitial on Sept. 30.

DCCA was allocated a budget of \$1,506,415 for 2013, a 10.29-percent decrease compared to the governor's proposal of \$1,723,956.

Faisao said the biggest cut was to his office, whose budget went down from \$285,033 to \$132,618 or by 53.47 percent. This would affect eight full-time employee positions, including the secretary, the deputy secretary, social worker, and eligibility worker under the Low In-

come Home Energy Assistance Program, as well as restrict the office from providing assistance to other agency divisions.

"As the head of an immense department that is involved in many social and community events, it is impossible to succeed in carrying out its mission without the essential accessibility of funds to operate," said Faisao.

He questioned the Legislature's decision to slash funding for DCCA and the Department of Commerce while increasing the budget for the Legislative

Bureau by 37.8 percent.

"The decision to slash funding and award to another without any reason or justification as to why this is taking place is unfathomable," said Faisao.

According to him, it was rumored that the DCCA budget cut was more of a "retaliatory gesture" than sound fiscal policy.

"Whether or not the operational funding cut was deliberately done or the cut was overlooked, the DCCA Office of the Secretary would like a justification as to why they were solely

neglected by the Senate version of the bill that was signed into law," he said.

Faisao also maintained that Public Law 17-85 was a "hastily prepared budget" submitted by the Legislature to Fitial for signing, even after the governor gave the lawmakers ample time to review the proposed 2013 budget.

"This left our honorable governor with two options, either sign into law the proposed budget and allow the government to function uninterruptedly or

force a government shutdown and leave thousands temporarily jobless," he said.

Faisao said DCCA has continued to work hard despite "unsatisfactory funds and continued budget cuts" over the years to provide community and social services to the populace.

"At the end of the day, it is not the department or its employees who will be agonized, but the innumerable individuals who rely on the department for aid during these hard-hitting economic times," he added.

## Mount Carmel students learn more about tourism

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Representatives of the Marianas Tourism Education Council recently paid Mount Carmel high school students a visit to promote awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the role tourism plays in the Commonwealth.

Working with the slogan "Tourism is Everybody's Business," council representatives Catherine Anderson, Vicky Benavente, and Frank Tudela gave presentations that encourage students to take an active part in the islands' tourism industry.

Benavente explained the rationale behind the "Saipanda" marketing campaign, sharing the back story behind both the name and the yellow nose of the Saipanda mascot. "Sai" means rhinoceros in Japanese.

The Saipanda mascot is one of the MVA's most successful marketing campaign for years. MVA started using the mascot

in 1998 for its promotional campaigns and it actually bagged a gold award from the Pacific Asia Travel Association for creating and re-branding the CNMI for the Japanese market and elsewhere with its Saipanda campaign.

Anderson invited a student volunteer to help with the presentation by answering some trivia questions about tourism on the islands. Mount Carmel student council vice president Victoria Camacho stepped up to the plate and answered a number of questions about the visitor industry, including questions about each major tourist market and their impact on the local economy. For instance, Camacho learned that while smaller than other markets, Russian tourists spend more per individual tourist and contribute substantially to the local economy.

Tudela explained his role at MVA, coordinating some of the agency's signature events including the Taste of the Mari-



anas, XTERRA Saipan, and the Tagaman. He invited students to volunteer for the many events planned for the year.

Benavente closed out the

presentation by quizzing students on some of the information presented. Junior class president Kaylani Lebria volunteered and answered all

questions correctly.

For Camacho, the MTEC presentation helped her appreciate tourism more. "I enjoyed how welcoming they were. It

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Marianas Tourism Education Council members Catherine Anderson, far left, and Vicky Benavente, far right, pose with Mount Carmel School students, from left to right, Victoria Camacho, Ashley Olarte, Kaylani Lebria, and Thomas Manglona II during the council's recent visit on campus.

made me want to get more involved in the tourism industry," she said.

The Marianas Tourism Education Council is a nonprofit organization established in 2002. Its objective is to promote community awareness on the importance of tourism industry. It is the organization's goal to bring back the focus of students on activities that will aid in the recovery of the islands' ailing tourism industry.

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# Lions Club to induct new officers tonight

The Lions Club District 204 Region 2 will have an induction ceremony for its new cabinet officers and committee chairs tonight at the Hafadai Beach Hotel Fiesta Hall.

Assistant public relations officer Annamae Adaza said the event will feature District Governor Lion Herbie Perez, Past District Governor Lion Goring Duenas, and PDG Lion Romeo

Angel of Guam.

CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan, who co-sponsored H.R. 2139 or the Lions Century of Service Commemorative Coin Bill, will serve as guest speaker.

The bill, which is now with President Barack Obama for signature, would require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue not more than 400,000

\$1 coins in commemoration of the centennial of the Lions Clubs International.

There are three Lions Clubs on Saipan: the Saipan Fil-Am Lions Club, Saipan Unity Lions Club, and Saipan Marianas Lions Club.

On Sunday, a leadership training for Lions Clubs officers will be conducted at the Dulili Restaurant in Garapan.

## CRISIS

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dous devastation of World War II, fueled by the conviction that ever-closer economic ties would make sure that century-old enemies never turned on each other again. It's now made up of 500 million people in 27 nations, with other nations lined up, waiting to join.

But the European project is now facing its greatest challenge yet— a debt crisis that has stirred deep tensions between north and south, caused unemployment to soar across the bloc and is threatening the euro, the common currency used by 17 of its members.

Social media exploded with strong reactions Friday, both for and against,

awarding the prize— worth 8 million Swedish kronor (\$1.2 million).

“The EU is an unique project that replaced war with peace, hate with solidarity. Overwhelming emotion for awarding of (hash)Nobel prize to EU,” Martin Schulz, president of the European Parliament, wrote in a tweet.

“Nobel prize for the EU. At a time Brussels and all of Europe is collapsing in misery. What next? An Oscar for Van Rompuy?” said Dutch euro-skeptic lawmaker Geert Wilders, referring to Herman Van Rompuy, president of the European Council.

The idea of a united Europe began to take on a more defined shape when, on May 9, 1950, French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman proposed that France and the Federal Republic of Germany

pool their coal and steel resources in a new organization that other European countries could join.

“Today war between Germany and France is unthinkable. This shows how, through well-aimed efforts and by building up mutual confidence, historical enemies can become close partners,” the committee said.

The citation also noted the democratic conditions the EU has demanded of all those nations waiting to join, referred to Greece and Spain when they joined the 1980 after dictatorships, and to the countries in Eastern Europe who sought EU membership after the 1989 fall of the Berlin Wall.

“The EU is currently undergoing grave economic difficulties and considerable social unrest,” Jagland said.

## FLETCHER

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Fletcher repeatedly told the impeachment panel yesterday that CUC had been consistent in its statement in July that the proposed PPA needed more analysis.

A day after that Aug. 2 meeting between Fitial, Buckingham, and Fletcher, the governor and the former AG signed the sole-source, 25-year PPA with Saipan Development LLC. Buckingham left the CNMI a day later, despite a penal summons for him to appear in court two days later.

Yesterday marked the ninth day of the impeachment hearings in the House of Representatives chamber, in connection with a resolution impeaching the governor for 16 allegations of felony, corruption, and neglect of duty.

Among those issues were the governor's signing of a no-bid, \$190.8-million power purchase agreement that was the topic of yesterday's hearings.

Fletcher told the impeachment committee, in responding to Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro's (Cov-Saipan) series of questions, that he thought it was a “policy decision” for the governor to make on the PPA.

Ogumoro directed the committee and Fletcher's attention to a “draft” memo that Fletcher prepared but never signed.

The vice speaker repeatedly asked Fletcher, “Why didn't you tell the governor to not sign the agreement?”

Fletcher again said it was a policy decision, and that CUC had been repeatedly telling the negotiating team and the governor that the proposed agreement needed more study.

“I don't tell the governor what to do. He tells me what to do. And at that second meeting, we made the advice that the agreement was not ready to sign

and needed more analysis, the same consistent statement we have made over the last 30 days. At that same meeting, the former attorney general said this agreement is ready to move forward or something to this effect, we negotiated as far as we can. This agreement was going to move forward with or without my input or my recommendation,” Fletcher told the committee.

Still, Ogumoro was not satisfied with Fletcher's response.

“It is your responsibility as the head of CUC to stand up and tell the governor what needs to be told if you feel that way. In this letter, you did not say that to the governor. That advice was not there, I'm sorry to say it,” Ogumoro said.

Ogumoro, the governor's ally, raised her voice several times when questioning Fletcher, other committee members later said.

Fletcher, however, calmly responded to every question asked him throughout the hearing, with CUC legal counsels Deborah Fisher and Rebecca Wrightson by his side.

Impeachment Committee chair Rep. Joe Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), in a later interview, said he thought the vice speaker was trying to blame Fletcher for the signing of the PPA.

The PPA is now under a temporary restraining order, and lawmakers have asked the administration to conduct a full economic analysis, something that has yet to be done two months after the agreement became public.

### Higher rates

At the beginning of yesterday afternoon's hearing, Deleon Guerrero asked Fletcher about his understanding on the impact of a 50MW diesel power plant on CUC and the rates paid by its customers.

“How can CUC pay for energy for 50MW even if it consumes only 30MW? If you're only asking custom-

ers to pay for 30MW?” he asked.

Fletcher reminded the committee that CUC's only source of revenue is the payment of customers.

“Any requirement in a power purchase agreement will be funded by the consumers; in other words, what those costs were whether it was a take and pay clause, I think you're referring to, would have to be reflected in the rates,” he said.

Deleon Guerrero said Fletcher was “basically stating that rates would have to be adjusted to accommodate that. In other words, rates may have to be raised.”

“Rate revenue is CUC's only source of revenue,” Fletcher added.

In responding to questions from Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), Fletcher said CUC was directly involved in the talks with Saipan Development LLC only up until July 10. After that, he said CUC was no longer directly involved in the negotiations. He, however, said CUC continued to provide technical and other assistance to the negotiating team, or the Office of the Attorney General.

Last week, Fitial issued a statement saying that Fletcher lied to the Impeachment Committee in his testimony on Wednesday last week wherein Fletcher said he does not believe the current PPA is in the consumers' best interest.

Despite this, Fletcher said he continues to support the governor's “efforts to act in the best interest” of the CNMI people and said his “entire testimony” to the impeachment panel was “truthful.”

The hearings will wrap up on Monday, with Department of Public Safety deputy commissioner Ambrosio Ogumoro as the only witness scheduled to testify that day. Last week, he invoked his Fifth Amendment right to remain silent when asked to testify before the committee.

“We encourage those who are interested to join the Lions Club,” said Adaza.

For more information, call 483-5237. (*Clarissa V. David*)

## MACARAIG

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dwindling employment opportunities, unresolved labor claims, and the uncertainties of a new immigration system.

“I am proud to say that with a firm resolve and innovative practical approaches, we have jointly weathered these problems as we face these issues with more hope and confidence than three years ago,” he said.

Macaraig is scheduled to leave Saipan on Monday, Oct. 15, two weeks before the consulate shuts down after serving Filipinos in the Commonwealth for more than 23 years. By Monday, Macaraig will assume his new duties as minister and consul general at the Philippine Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

He maintains that the problems facing the CNMI are “opportunities waiting to be tapped,” adding that the skills that Filipinos have received from the Consulate—and will continue to receive from the Filipino community—will allow them “to explore entrepreneurship and alternative sources of income” and “will serve us well here in the Northern Marianas or anywhere around the world where the Filipino worker is in demand.”

“If future conditions or the struggles and difficulties of Filipino workers do not permit continued stay in the CNMI, Filipinos should remember that our beloved Philippines welcomes us anytime,” he said.

Macaraig noted that the clamor to continue the skills trainings proves that the program is useful and valued. He thanked Consul General Bayani V. Mangibin and the officers and staff of the Philippine Consulate General in Guam, which will take over the Saipan consulate's responsibilities, for their commitment to continue the program after Oct. 31.

He said he and his family are grate-

ful for the unique opportunity to serve as the last consul general of the Philippines on Saipan.

“The successes of the Philippine Consulate General did not result from boundless resources, outstanding talents or random twists of fate,” said Macaraig. “Rather, all these achievements come from hard work and dedication, from the untiring and unconditional coordination between and among the consulate, the government and the community, from our mutual sincerity and understanding even in face of the most trying situations and, most of all, from the power and mercy of our Creator who has blessed all of us.”

Macaraig recognized Filipino community leaders and members for their assistance to the Consulate.

“Our official interaction ends with my departure from Saipan but our personal friendship shall remain. It is my firm belief that the memories and lessons that we shared during the past three years shall remain in our hearts and minds in the years to come,” he said.

Additionally, Macaraig acknowledged the CNMI government and its citizens for their hospitality and friendship. “The excellent relationship between our people does not end with the closure of the consulate in Saipan but will continue to be administered on our part by the Philippine Consulate General in Guam and Filipinos who shall continue to be partners of the CNMI in the years to come.”

Macaraig met separately this week with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan for his farewell visits. He also extended his appreciation to the religious leaders of various churches in the Commonwealth.

“I request everyone to extend to the officers and staff of the Philippine Consulate General in Guam the same, if not better, support and understanding that you have extended to the Consulate here [on] Saipan,” said Macaraig.

## SLAMMED

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President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota).

The \$114-million budget for fiscal year 2013 gave each of the 29 lawmakers \$76,605 in operations funding. This is where lawmakers get the money to pay for their staffers and buy office supplies and equipment.

The original House version of the 2013 budget allowed for only a one-month advance. The Senate version, however, replaced it with up to one-quarter advancement.

The budget conference committee went with the Senate version.

“In the event that quarterly allotments are necessary, the request will need to be submitted in writing with supporting documents and in advance to allow for the secretary of Finance to determine if funds are available for the amount needed,” Fitial said.

Only one lawmaker agreed to give a statement but on condition of anonymity.

The lawmaker said that giving lawmakers one-quarter advancement gives

them flexibility in running their offices.

Given that the annual operations funding is \$76,605, this translates to \$6,383 a month. If, for example, a lawmaker spends \$6,000 on personnel payroll and the rest goes to buying supplies, then \$383 won't be enough to buy computers but if they are allowed a one-quarter advance allotment, then they would be able to put in \$500, for example, to buy computers and at the same time budget for personnel salaries.

Under Section 703 (c)(2) of the 2013 budget law or Public Law 17-85, funds allocated for the operation of lawmakers' individual office, including personnel costs and other allowed spending, “may be expended to defray travel and incidental expenses for the purpose of attending to legislative business outside the member's senatorial district; provided that a member may receive a one quarter advancement of funds allocated to his or her office for expenditures.”

Mostly lawmakers from Rota and Tinian avail of advance allotments because of the need to travel to Saipan to attend to legislative business.



# Miah arrested anew, this time for allegedly receiving stolen items

Police arrested Mohammad Jahangir Miah Wednesday afternoon on charges of receiving stolen items from William S. Reyes Elementary School. His bail was set yesterday at \$10,000 cash.

Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo, who presided over the bail hearing, said it was his first time in nine years to receive a case charging a person of receiving stolen items.

Michael Ernest, who temporarily served as counsel for Miah, said the police have already arrested the defendant on the same charges.

In fact, Ernest said, Miah had already posted \$1,000 bail, yet they arrested him again without any documents just to set a \$10,000 cash bail.

Chief prosecutor Peter Prestley pushed for a \$20,000 cash

bail, citing the suspect's eight pending criminal cases.

Police detective Alexander T. Sakisat stated in his report that detectives searched the home of Sarijul Islam in Chalan Piao on Sept. 25, 2012, after a witness gave information that Islam was storing stolen items in the house.

Islam was the alleged security guard on duty during a

burglary and theft incident at WSR that was reported to police on Aug. 27, 2012.

Sakisat said that during the search at Islam's house, several stolen items were found in the bedroom and closet.

Islam later told police that the box that contained the Epson projector and other items found in his closet belong to Miah. Miah allegedly asked him to

store the items.

Islam also allegedly disclosed that Miah is in the business of buying and selling stolen items.

Sakisat said that a detective was able to verify with an official of the Public School System that a Canon digital video camcorder found in the alleged Miah box was among the items stolen from WSR on

Aug. 27, 2012.

In August 2011, Miah pleaded guilty to conspiracy to unlawfully produce driver's licenses.

His sentencing was postponed several times for various reasons, including his indictment in a case of conspiracy to forge stale CNMI tax refund checks. Miah's charges in that case were subsequently dismissed. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## 30 patients benefit from 'Clinic With a Heart'



Saipan Seventh-day Adventist Clinic staff pause to smile for the camera during the Clinic With a Heart event last Sunday.

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Thirty individuals received free dental services last Oct. 7 for Saipan Seventh-day Adventist Clinic's second "Clinic With a Heart" this year.

Dental hygienist Lori Serna said yesterday that Sunday's event was not announced to the public since it was only held to accommodate some 100 community members who lined up

during their first Clinic With a Heart last May 27.

Serna said they called them all but only a handful showed up, in addition to several individuals who were not on the list but took a chance to wait in the line and see if SDA Clinic will have room for them.

Among these hopefuls was Chalan Piao resident Dionisio Santos, whose toothache forced him to wait outside the clinic along Quartermaster Road as

early as 6am.

A golf course maintenance staff at Coral Ocean Point, Santos said it's been difficult for him to seek dental services since their company did not renew their dental insurance.

"Dental services are quite expensive on island, that's why I decided to take my chance and see if I could receive it for free," said the 40-year-old Santos, adding that his wife also encouraged him to avail of the

free dental services.

"I'm really thankful that SDA Clinic provides this kind of assistance to the community. It means a lot, especially for us who don't have dental insurance," he added.

According to Serna, services provided last Sunday were valued at \$16,500 and included exams and x-rays, cleaning, gum therapy, fillings, extractions, and root canals.

These services were provided

by four dentists, three hygienists, and eight other staff who all volunteered to provide free services and share oral health education. All patients

received free toothbrushes as giveaways.

"We are happy to give back to the community that has given so much to us," said Serna.

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## MHS' Cuervo joins national honor society

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A senior student at Marianas High School was recently selected for membership in the National Society of High School Scholars for demonstrating excellence in her studies.

Marjorie Ann M. Cuervo, 17, was recognized for her superior academic achievement by the organization's chairman and founder, Claes Nobel, who is also a senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes.

"On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment that Marjorie Ann has demon-



Cuervo

strated to achieve this level of academic excellence," stated Nobel in his letter to Cuervo.

Membership in the society entitles students to a wide variety of benefits, including schol-

arship opportunities, academic competitions, free events, members-only resources, publications, participation in programs offered by educational partners, and many others.

According to the society's president James Lewis, the vision of the scholars' society is to build a dynamic international organization that connects members with meaningful content, resources, and opportunities. "We aim to help students like Marjorie Ann build on their academic successes and enhance the skills and desires to have a positive impact on the global community," stated Lewis.

Cuervo, the daughter of Zenaida and Marco Cuervo, is a

consistent honor student since her elementary days. She is also an active member and participant in various school competitions and organizations. The 17-year-old dreams of becoming an electrical engineer someday.

Last school year, Cuervo was a member of the team that won both the state and regional competitions for Real World Design Challenge, allowing them to compete in the national contest. The Real World Design Challenge is an annual high school competition for all states and territories that aims to transform the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education in the U.S. by providing professional science and engineering and learning resources to students and teachers.

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## EDITORIAL

### The Taliban's dark vision

The following editorial appeared in the Los Angeles Times on Thursday, Oct. 11:

It's appalling enough that 14-year-old Malala Yousafzai, who publicly championed the cause of education for girls in Pakistan, was shot in the head and neck and critically injured by gunmen who boarded her school bus in the Swat Valley. Even more horrendous is that a Taliban spokesman declared that she had been singled out for attack because of her support of girls' education in defiance of Taliban edict. "Let this be a lesson," the spokesman told the New York Times.

We hope it will be a lesson—that such violence is barbaric and counterproductive. It has no place in today's world. Not in Pakistan or Afghanistan or anywhere else. As Islamic parties and politicians become increasingly influential across the region, now is the time to make it clear that the Taliban's brutal and backward version of Islam is neither the only one nor even the mainstream one.

Malala, who has said she hopes to become a doctor, is a national figure in Pakistan, admired for her courageous outspokenness against the Taliban's destruction of girls' schools and her insightful blog postings about what it's like to go to school in fear.

Since Tuesday's bus attack, which less seriously injured another girl as well, Malala has undergone surgery to remove a bullet in her neck and, as of Wednesday, was reportedly out of danger. Meanwhile, we're encouraged to see that a sense of outrage has swept across Pakistan. The shooting has been denounced by the country's president, its top military leader, as well as much of the media and the public.

Nevertheless, the Taliban's campaign continues against women and against anything it sees as smacking of Western influence. On Wednesday, the group issued a statement reiterating its ludicrous opposition to the education of girls and its promise to target anyone else "preaching secularism."

This incident was heart-rending, and the organization's on-the-record threat to carry out more such attacks is infuriating. Allowing girls to be schooled is not a Western eccentricity; it is a basic human right that should be protected across the globe.

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### China on the move

We watched China go home/leave home over the National Week holiday from our university residence. Public spaces were standing room only.

We also blew our Yuan wad last summer on a trek to Manzhouli NE Inner Mongolia and NW Heilongjiang's Bei Jie Chun along the Amur River across Russia. We met many of the newly comfortable Chinese of modest means busy clicking their fancy cameras, and yakking away to parties back home about the wonders of where they were, in their most current models of cell phones.

We disposed of our Mazda 2300 pickup on Saipan before departing. Wells Fargo, where we made the mistake of paying our FHB car loan with extremely higher interest rates, was getting antsy and nasty as it plotted its own exit out of the CNMI economy.

We are glad we no longer drive. Some colleagues suggested that I join a car caravan to Hunan Province (Mao's origins) during the holidays if I were available to drive. Having seen the road etiquette on the highway, I had no hesitation declining the offer.

News items last week included reports on gridlocks, delays in the traffic, and unexpected congestion when the government announced that toll roads would be free for passenger cars during the holidays.

A decade ago, the big economic come-on was housing. Investments poured in, particularly from overseas Chinese, who wanted to "return" to the homeland, in the form of owning a piece of real estate, and with favorably supported home mortgages, the Chinese middle class joined many homeowners' associations. When second loans got too tight for couples, many even sought the convenience of divorce, though they continued to live together, only so they can avail of favorable terms on home loans!

Since the global recession, and the slump on construction, the promoted economic investment is in owning a car. China pours steel and cement on its superhighways and circumferential roads, of little value if there were no vehicles to use them. Up to now, the barreling semi trucks lord it over the two-lane highways, and many accidents this holiday were a direct result of the "wild, wild West" manners of the new drivers on the road.

Japanese cars were the preferred models before the Senkaku/Diaoyou crisis resulted in boycotts. European and Korean models now dominate, while the status symbol of the Buick holds a faithful following.

A resident in Shanxi accosted a tourist when the latter was seen clicking away on her digital Sony. She was told that her camera was made in Japan, and asked to get another one. I take my class photos with a Sony, and one of my students expressed a similar sentiment. The old SLR D40 Nikon that once got me thinking of equipping with a screw-type telephoto is indefinitely bagged on mothballs. I have black tape on my shopping list!

Even Asahi beer on discounted sale price, once a student preference, is not moving in the store, nor on the sidewalk barbecue stands. But it is the cars and the accessible loans to enable their acquisition that might very well be the next bubble burst. Most of

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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my students asking permission to be absent are scheduled to take their driver's test.

BMW recently inaugurated a new plant in Shenyang. I ran into one of my former students who thanked me profusely after he interned with the company and discovered that the company's international CEOs spoke English as the normal medium of discourse. His command of the language improved considerably since he left my class. His was not a case of lacking knowledge, as it was a short supply of confidence to use what he already knew. Teachers corrected his grammar and pronunciation at every turn, so he demurred. We gave him permission to speak ChEnglisCh!

China on the move is more than just physical mobility. The Zhongguo mind is broadening in the global realm. We noted a UK *Guardian* article that reported parents in Shanghai shelling out 100,000 Yuan (BPS 9,950) to a program this summer on a promise that they would acquire proficiency in English in a short period with the same ease and speed as getting fed at a fast food service. It was a memory con game for they also promised recognition of cards from merely watching the shuffling of a deck. One father lamented that his son's English did not improve much, but now he cheats more!

In a speech commemorating the 90th anniversary of the CPC founding last year, President Hu Jintao emphasized the reliance of the Party on the people (Zhongguoren) to accomplish a democratic revolution, establish a basic socialist system, and develop socialism with Chinese characteristics.

His use of "Zhongguo," translated into "China," "Zhongguoren" into "Chinese," misses a reality ingredient. The Chinese do not refer to themselves as people of the Qin/Chin (the Persians have that honor), nor of the predominant Han ethnic group, but of the "Zhong," the middle. *Zhongguoren*, the "people of the middle realm," both singular and plural, is as much a stance (in the tradition of the *taiji* and the *yin-yang*) as it is of geography and its people. With 10 percent of the population non-Han, the Zhongguo in President Hu Jintao's speech refers to a fourth of the world's population, not only in a place, but more importantly, in the process of defining itself.

Hu Jintao steps down in November. Wen Jiabao a year after completes the turning over the rein of power to a generation a decade younger. We expect Zhongguoren to keep on moving.



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## Attacked Pakistani teen serves as inspiration to many

**T**he Institute of War & Peace Reporting deplores the attack on Malala Yousufzai, a 14-year-old blogger in northwest Pakistan who had participated in our Open Minds student training program.

The attack was a ruthless attempt to stifle independent thought, and curtail Malala's relentless free spirit. In Taliban eyes, Malala's particular crime was her courageous support for girl's education, for which, despite her age, she was reportedly placed on a hit list.

In the attack, on Oct. 9, two gunmen hailed her school bus and sought her out by name. Her Taliban assailant shot her twice from close range, hitting her in the face and the leg, and also injuring two other girls. According to latest reports, doctors in Pakistan say she is in stable condition following surgery. The wounds to the other girls were not life-threatening.

The Pakistani Taliban movement claimed responsibility for the attack.

Malala has come of age through struggle against the Taliban, and always understood that she could face reprisals. Her career as a writer and advocate in fact started because of the risk. She took up an invitation from the BBC in 2008 to write a blog about the importance of education for girls only because the parents of another girl, four year's older, thought the task too dangerous and made her stop. Malala took her place.

Growing up in the Swat Valley, Malala—then just 11—had been influenced by her father, Ziauddin Yousafzai, who used to run a girls school. He had become known for standing up to the Taliban in Swat during periods of violence. A key part of the Taliban effort to impose their hard-line views in Swat was closing down girls' schools.

"Those were the most terrible days—the darkest in our history," Ziauddin Yousafzai told IWPR in 2009. "We spared no efforts to speak up against terrorism and that struggle brought us into the limelight." Malala, he said, "got influenced by what was going on and gradually she joined me in our struggle against extremism."

When the Taliban were driven out of Swat, Malala and her family felt it was safe to reveal her identity. In 2009, Malala took part in IWPR's Open Minds program, which encourages young people, aged 10 to 19, to write about issues they care about, and hosts discussion clubs to support open debate.

In a 2009 article featuring Malala's blog success, Open Minds trainer Niaz Khan said her example was inspiring other young people, including many girls, to take part and try to get their own work published. All had been catalyzed by Malala's courage and willingness to speak out.

In 2011, Malala was the inspiration for Pakistan's National Peace Prize. She was the first winner, and the annual award now goes to a young person who contributes to peace and education. She was also

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runner up for the 2011 International Children's Peace Prize awarded by the Dutch organization KidsRights.

Following the attack on Malala, many people in Pakistan have expressed fears that some of the voices—adult as well as the young—raised against extremism could fall silent.

This attack follows the assassination in January of Mukarram Khan Atif, a Pakistani broadcaster and journalist who was also a trainer and adviser to IWPR's Open Minds program. The Committee to Protect Journalists says 54 journalists have been killed in Pakistan since 2001.

"Pray to God for her—we need a lot of prayers," Malala's father said after the attack. "I am proud of my daughter."

## The lost ethic of Fraser Robinson

**A**fter all the oratory at both political conventions, one line stands out. It was from Michelle Obama, talking about her late father, Fraser Robinson, and his insistence on paying his small portion of her college tuition bills on time. "You see, for my dad," she said, "that's what it meant to be a man."

In one moving sentence, she opened a vista on a life of self-sacrifice. The narrative arc of her rendition of his life bent upward, and understandably so. He was a working-class father who raised two Princeton University graduates. But she could just as easily have invoked a sense of the country's loss.

Because we don't really make Fraser Robinsons anymore. He was a high-school-educated man who married and stayed married, who worked and kept working despite considerable adversity. Whatever his relative lack of education and skills, he was a hero of character, shaped by mores that have been eroding for decades.

According to Michelle's convention speech and to published accounts, her father was a pump operator at the city water plant in Chicago. He was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis as a young man, and still got up to work every day. When he came home, he'd reach down to lift one leg after another to make it up the stairs and greet his kids.

It's difficult to imagine a more affecting depiction of everyday dutifulness than that. With his wife of 31 years, Marian, Robinson built a family deeply invested in his children's future.

Too few men in his position now do the same. The 2010 study "When Marriage Disappears," a publication of the National Marriage Project at the University of Virginia and the Institute for American Values, tells the story. In the 1970s, 73 percent of adults with a high-school degree or some college were in intact first marriages. In the 2000s, 45 percent were.

As recently as 1982, just 13 percent of births to people with this level of education were out-of-wedlock. In the late 2000s, 44 percent were. Among blacks with a high-school degree or some college, the figure was 75 percent.

Males with a high-school education have been dropping out of the labor force for decades. One flip side is a drastic increase in the rolls of Social Security Disability Insurance, despite better medical care and less-strenuous jobs. Forty years ago, Fraser Robinson left for work in pain every day—walking on two canes—and now a small army of his fellow Americans schemes to get paid for doing nothing.

The tectonic plates of the culture and economy shifted since the

**By RICH LOWRY**

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1960s to squeeze the likes of Fraser Robinson, at the same time the government has been subsidizing a version of the family—single-mother households—that makes him superfluous. The new norm that dispenses with duty-bound fathers is not good for families, and it is not good for men.

Michelle Obama powerfully described her father's pride. For him, to be a man was to be responsible, day after day. His quotidian courage was her windfall; that it is becoming increasingly rare is our tragedy.

## Plucking Big Bird is not the answer to national financial woes

**D**uring the Oct. 3 presidential debate, moderated by Jim Lehrer of the Public Broadcasting Service, Republican nominee Mitt Romney was pressed to say what budget cuts he would make to reduce the federal deficit.

"I'm sorry Jim," Romney responded. "I'm going to stop the subsidy to PBS ... I like PBS. I love Big Bird. I actually like you, too. But I'm not going to borrow money from China to pay for it."

Oh, here we go again.

It seems every few years when discussing the ever-increasing federal budget, Republican politicians and conservative commentators get the insane idea of cutting out the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the non-profit agency that in part funds PBS, National Public Radio and about 1,300 locally owned and operated television and radio stations around the country.

For the record, I'm a former employee of KERA-TV and the local PBS and NPR affiliates, and I still participate occasionally in some programming and on-air fundraisers for the stations.

I loved public broadcasting long before I became affiliated with it, for even in its infancy we knew it had the ability not only to entertain, but to educate. That one program Romney mentioned that's home to Big Bird, "Sesame Street," made it obvious rather quickly that public television could have a positive impact on early childhood education.

But conservatives long have viewed public broadcasting entities as liberal bastions and, therefore, easy targets for de-funding—along with other evil institutions supporting the arts and humanities.

Once again, a politician has set CPB in his sights, knowing full well that the amount that would be saved by cutting it is minuscule compared to the \$1.1 trillion deficit this year alone.

And the suggestion disregards the good that limited funding (\$445 million) does in supporting the two networks, all the stations and a list of other program providers that serve 37 million public radio listeners a week and 118 million public television viewers a month.

By law, 72 percent of CPB funds must go directly to the local stations.

Back in 1967, when Congress created CPB—before there was satellite distribution and PBS was shipping programs via Greyhound buses—the Carnegie Commission on Educational Television had recommended federal funding of \$100 million annually. Congress appropriated only \$5 million that year, and public broadcasting has had to fight ever since for every federal dollar it receives.

Maybe that's the way it always will be.

In a way, it's funny that, with all of the big issues facing this country, Big Bird has become part of the presidential campaign. Actually, it's rather sad that a children's television show is remotely part of a serious discussion about the economic crisis this country continues to face.

Romney's debate statement about cutting PBS has given President Obama a new line to use on the campaign trail in discussing his opponent's economic policies.

"He'll get rid of regulations on Wall Street, but he's going to crack

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down on Sesame Street," Obama has been saying on the stump lately.

As I said, even though public broadcasting is a tiny part of the federal budget, we've had to fight for years in trying to save it—first from President Richard Nixon and later from then-Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich and a bunch of others.

What Nixon and many other Republicans came to understand is that many of the people who have supported their campaigns with major contributions also support public broadcasting and those organizations that receive money from the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

We've always been able to call on some of those allies in this never-ending battle.






As for Big Bird, I'm not really worried about him because I know he's more popular than any politician in Washington.



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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. West winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. West winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲84 ▼78
Palau	Showers	▲85 ▼79
Yap	Showers	▲86 ▼79
Chuuk	Showers	▲85 ▼78
Pohnpei	Showers	▲86 ▼76
Kosrae	Showers	▲86 ▼76
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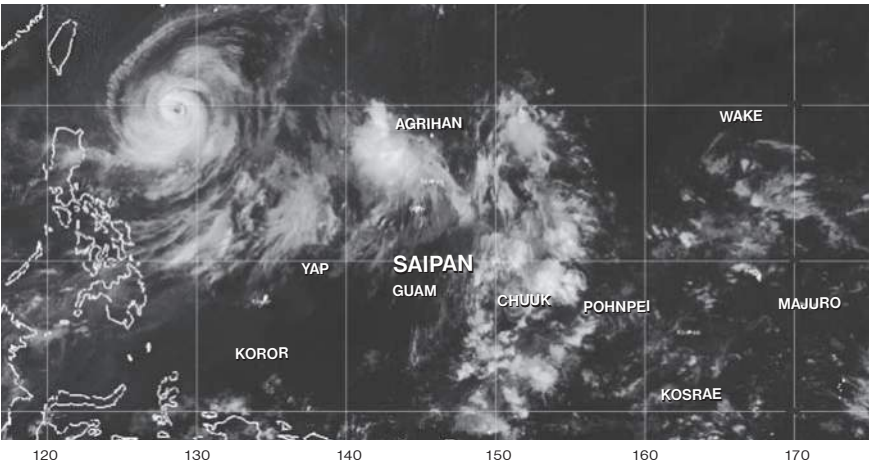
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Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲69 ▼43
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲84 ▼76
Honolulu	Sunny	▲83 ▼75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲54 ▼39
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲78 ▼60
Manila	Thundershowers	▲85 ▼77
Melbourne	Sunny	▲75 ▼44
Miami	Showers	▲85 ▼78
New York	Sunny	▲56 ▼47
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲76 ▼59
Paris	Rain	▲55 ▼43
Pusan	Sunny	▲75 ▼55
Rome	Showers	▲71 ▼58
Salem	Showers	63 56
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲71 ▼59
Seoul	Sunny	▲66 ▼49
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲73 ▼59
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲61 ▼50

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
12:42 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
6:26 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
12:44 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
6:55 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2012

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Prapiroon (22W) is centered 455 miles south of Okinawa at 20N129E. It is nearly stationary with maximum sustained winds of 115 mph. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring near the center or west of a line from 16N131E to 18N132E to 22N131E. For more information on Prapiroon, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and National Weather Service bulletins issued under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A monsoon trough curves eastward from Typhoon Prapiroon to 21N138E then through the northern CNMI at 19N146E to end east of Guam at 13N151E. An upper-level low is also centered east of the CNMI at 16N153E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring north of Koror and Yap between 10N and 16N from 130E to 140E. Divergent upper-level winds associated with the low are triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near the trough axis over the CNMI within 140 miles of a line from 13N148E to 19N141E. Low-level convergence east and southeast of the trough is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms within 200 miles of a line from 11N152E to 20N151E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms across Chuuk state within 280 miles of a line from 11N153E to EQ150E. Another upper-level low is centered just south of Wake Island at 16N168E. Isolated thunderstorms are present mainly south of this feature between 9N and 16N from 162E to 171E.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:08 AM	6:58 PM
Sunday	6:09 AM	6:57 PM
Monday	6:09 AM	6:57 PM
Tuesday	6:09 AM	6:56 PM
Wednesday	6:09 AM	6:55 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:37 AM	4:03 PM
Sunday	4:33 AM	4:48 PM
Monday	5:32 AM	5:36 PM
Tuesday	6:33 AM	6:27 PM
Wednesday	7:36 AM	7:23 PM

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## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF SEPT 23, 2012

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)				ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:10am	1, 3, 5	UA5062	3:45am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:15am	1, 3, 5	UA5062	3:40am	4:15am	1, 3, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7	UA5062	2:40am	4:20am	1, 3, 5 via ROP
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5	UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA5071	7:10am	8:00am	Daily
UA5074	11:30am	12:20pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5073	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily	UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5078	6:50pm	7:40pm	Daily	UA5077	5:25pm	6:15pm	Daily
UA5072	9:55pm	10:45pm	Daily	UA5079	8:35pm	9:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN (SPN)-PUSAN (BUS)				PUSAN (BUS)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
UZ608	3:20am	6:35am	4, 7	OZ607	9:25pm	2:20am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	DL172/288	7:50am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	UA190/5077	10:55am	6:15pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	3, 6 via GUM	UA190/5079	10:55am	9:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:00pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	Daily via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5076/193	3:10pm	10:25pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/UA5071	10:10pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN	UA192/5071	9:45pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
UA5072/PR111	9:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	11:25pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM
OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm+1	Daily via ICN	OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm+1	Daily via ICN
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50pm	1 via ICN	OZ750/603	1:00am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:40pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN	UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:00am+1	1, 5 via GUM
LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana							
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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>							
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				<b>Tinian-Saipan</b>			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
<b>Saipan-Tinian</b>				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				

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SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES			
<b>CATHOLIC</b> 	<p>Parish office hours: daily except Thursday and Sundays: 4:30-6pm Telephone no. 322-2404, Fr. Bong's cell: 285-912, Diocesan Finance office: 234-3000 ext.143</p>	<p><b>Iglesia Ni Cristo, Saipan</b> Wednesday: 7:45pm (English) Thursday: 5:30am (English); 7:45 pm (Tagalog) Saturday: 7:45pm (Tagalog) Sunday: 6:45am (English) Children Worship Service: Sunday, 9am (English)</p>	<p>Sunday evening 7:00pm Prayer meeting, every Wednesday 7:30pm San Jose village, after San Jose Hotel Telephone: 789-7566</p>
<p><b>Mt. Carmel Cathedral</b> Sunday Mass: 6am Chamorro, 9am English, 11am Filipino and 6pm English Monday-Saturday: 6am Chamorro Wednesday: 6pm Chamorro Parish office hours: Monday-Saturday 8am-12pm, 12-1pm, 1-5pm</p>	<p><b>San Vicente Parish</b> Monday-Friday: 6pm, Saturday: 6pm (First Saturday of every month) Sunday: 6am anticipated mass, 6pm (Neo Catechumenal community mass), 8pm Sunday: 6am, 9am, 6pm Parish office hours: daily 9-11am Telephone no. 235-8208 or 287-0131</p>	<p><b>Immanuel United Methodist Church</b> Chalan Kanoa Drive, Chalan Kanoa (east of Town Center and Beach Road, Near Mt. Carmel Cathedral) Worship Service: 9:00am Children's Sunday School: 9:00am Choir Practice: 8:00am Singspiration: 8:30am Prayer, Care &amp; Share: Wednesday 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>Saipan Christian Church</b> Sunday: 7:30am-10am Sunday: 6:30 pm -9pm Monday: 8 pm -10pm (Prayer Meeting) Thursday: 8pm-10pm (Cell Groups)</p>
<p><b>Korean Center</b> Sunday: 10:30am Wednesday: 10am Thursday-Friday: 8pm Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm</p>	<p><b>Santa Remedios</b> Sunday: 8am Monday: 6pm (1<sup>st</sup> Mondays cemetery masses at 5:30pm) Tuesday- Friday: 6pm Saturday: 6pm-anticipated Sunday mass 8-10pm Parish office hours: Monday- Friday:</p>	<p><b>Immanuel Methodist Church</b> (Filipino Congregation) Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal 8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog) 9:15am-Sunday School Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group 8:00pm-Prayer Meeting Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice (Church) Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage) (Korean Congregation) Sunday worship: 9am, 10:30, 1pm Wednesday evening service: 8pm Daily morning prayer: 5am</p>	<p><b>Saipan Church of Christ</b> Sunday Bible Class: 9am Sunday Worship: 10am Sunday Worship English: 10-11am Sunday Worship Tagalog: 6-7pm Thursday Bible Study: 7pm</p>
<p><b>Kristo Rai Parish</b> Sunday- Saturday: 6am Wednesday: 6am and 6pm (PH Novena 5:45pm) Friday: 5:30pm praying of Divine Mercy Chaplet; 6pm devotional mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Saturday: 6am and 6pm (anticipated) Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am 6pm Tagalog mass Parish office hours: (Fr. Celso G. Magbanua) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8-11:30am/ 3-5:30pm, Wednesday and Friday 3-5pm. Telephone no. 285-0273</p>	<b>PROTESTANT</b> 	<p><b>Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan</b> Sunday English Service: 7:30-9am, Sunday Tagalog Service: 9-11am and 6-8pm, Wednesday: 7:30-9pm</p>	<p><b>Saipan Community Church</b> (Sunday Services) Palau Service: 7:30am-9am English Service: 10am-11:30am Chuukese Service: 1pm-2:30pm Filipino Service: 5:00pm-7:00pm</p>
<p><b>Santa Soledad Mission Parish</b> Monday: 6pm Tuesday: 6pm Wednesday: 6pm Friday: 6pm Saturday: 6pm (Youth mass/ anticipated Sunday mass) Sunday: 7am and 9am (Children's mass) Parish office hours: Wednesday and Friday: 8-10am, Saturday: 4-6pm Telephone no. 256-4568</p>	<p><b>Amen Church</b> Sunday : 10am, 1pm, 5pm Wednesday : 7pm Friday Prayer : 9pm Bible Study : 4pm (Tue) Music Practice : 5pm (Sat) Korean class: 3:30pm (Thu) Visitation : 10am (Fri, Sat) Outreach : 8am (First Sat) Tel. No. 285-2121, 256-2221 Email : oseyo@daum.net</p>	<p><b>Korean Presbyterian Church, Saipan</b> Sunday School: 9:20am Sunday Adult: 11am Sunday Evening: 7:30pm Wednesday: 8pm</p>	<p><b>Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Saipan</b> (Saturday Church Services) Sabbath School Program: 9-10am Lesson Study: 10-10:40am Divine Service: 11-12pm Visitation: 3-4pm Adventist Youth Program: 4:30-5:30pm Sundown Worship: 6-7pm</p>
<p><b>Saint Jude Parish</b> Monday- Friday: 6pm Saturday: 7am Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am Parish office hours: Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30am, 3:30-5pm Office is close every Thursday and Saturday Telephone no. 288-0007</p>	<p><b>Born Again Christian</b> (Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night: 8-10:30pm Saturday Tagalog Service: 8-10:30pm Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am Sunday School for Children: 10-11am Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm</p>	<p><b>Living Hope Church of the Nazarene</b> Isa Drive, I-Denni Hill across from Ponderosa Heights Bible Studies for all ages: Sunday at 10:00 am Worship: Sunday at 11:00 am Pastor Dave Bucher, 256-1142</p>	<p>Chinese services Sunday morning 10:00am Sunday evening 7:00pm</p>
<p><b>San Antonio Parish</b> Monday-Friday 6pm Saturday: 6pm Sunday: 7am, 9am (Blessing of children) Parish office hours: Tuesday-Saturday: 8-11:30am, 2-4:45pm Close on Sunday and Monday</p>	<p><b>Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan</b> Sunday School: 9am Sunday Morning Worship: 10am Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm Telephone no. 234-6026/27</p>	<p><b>Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan</b> Sunday Worship Service: 10am-12noon Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-11pm Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)</p>	<p>Everyone is warmly welcome to attend our worship services. Transportation is readily available to anyone who needs a ride to our church. Telephone No: 285-4661/2</p>
<p><b>San Francisco de Borja-Rota</b> Sunday: 6am Chamorro, 8am English Monday and Tuesday: 6am Chamorro Wednesday: 6pm English Thursday: 6am Chamorro Friday: 6am English Saturday: 6am Chamorro, 6pm Tagalog Sunday: anticipated mass</p>	<p><b>Chinese Christian Church of Saipan</b> Worship Services: Sunday: Chinese and Filipino 9am, English 6pm Bible Study: Wednesday and Saturday 8pm Telephone no. 235-8540</p>	<p><b>Marianas Baptist Church, Saipan</b> English Worship Service: 9-10:30am Evening Worship Service: 6-7pm Children Sunday School: 9-10:30am Tagalog Sunday School: 11am-12pm English Sunday School: 11am-12pm Korean Worship Service: 11am-12pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: English, 7pm-8pm Korean: 8:30pm-9:30pm</p>	<p><b>Thy Word Ministries Saipan</b> Faith Center Phone 234-0209 New Christian Charismatic Church Service located in Chalan Paio, Beach Road in the Sablan building on the 2nd floor above Subway Sandwiches. Senior Pastors: George &amp; Gail Kamakahi Asst. Pastors: Eric &amp; Penny Sakaguchi</p>
<p><b>San Isidro-Rota</b> Sunday: 5am, 8am, 10am Monday-Friday: 7pm Saturday: 5am and 7pm</p>	<p><b>Church 360</b> Suite 103 of Marianas Business Plaza (1st floor of former Nauru Building). Contact www.church360saipan.org, info@church360saipan.org, or call 888-2116 Celebration Service: Sunday at 10:15am Prayer Fellowship: Wednesday at 6:00pm</p>	<p><b>Missions Connection Ministry</b> Every Sunday Celebrations: 10am (English), 6pm (Tagalog) Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm Youth Impact Friday: 7pm Saturday Prayer Meeting: 7pm</p>	<p>Service Times Sunday 10:00am Worship Service Sunday 7pm Discipleship Classes Tuesday 10:00am Bible Studies Tuesday 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer Tuesday 7:00pm Music Practice Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service Saturday 10:00am Evangelism</p>
<p><b>San Jose (Oleai) Parish</b> Monday- Saturday: 6am daily mass Monday- Sunday: 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Wednesday: 6pm, mass, exposition of the blessed sacrament Saturday: 6pm, anticipated Sunday mass Sunday: 7:30-9am English, 6pm Tagalog mass Office hours: Monday-Wednesday: 9am-12pm, 2-5pm Thursday: day off Friday- Saturday: 8am-12pm, 2-5pm Telephone no. 234-6991</p>	<p><b>Cornerstone Christian Church, Saipan</b> Morning Service, Sunday, 10:00 am Evening Service, Sunday, 6:00 pm Children Sunday School, 10:00am/ 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7-9 pm Youth Night of Worship, Friday, 6:30 pm As Perdido Road Chalan Piao, Saipan MP 96950 Tel. No. (670) 235-8590 Email: cornerstone@cfemcares.org</p>	<p><b>Marianas Bible Fellowship Center</b> Sunday School: 9-9:30am Divine Worship: 9:30-11am Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm</p>	<p><b>Upper Room International Ministries</b> Sunday 5:30am-6:30am Morning prayer 7am-9am English service 7am-9am Sunday school 10am-12noon English service, Koblerville Wednesday 7pm-9pm Prayer meeting Saturday 7pm-9pm Tagalog service Venue: Jason Presbyterian Church Gualo Rai, Saipan</p>
<p><b>San Roque Parish</b> Sunday: 7:30am Chamorro, 9am English Monday: 6pm English Tuesday: 6pm English Wednesday: 6pm English- novena mass to our Lady of San Roque oil Thursday: 6pm English Friday: 6pm English- Devotion to the sacred heart of Jesus (First Fridays) Saturday: 6am English- Our Lady's Saturday mass for the intentions of the Men and Women in military service, 6pm English- anticipated mass</p>	<p><b>Episcopal/Anglican Church on Saipan</b> St. Paul's Episcopal Church Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion 10:00am Place: Garapan, Plumeria Road, Call 285-6081 for directions</p>	<p><b>Northern Marianas Christian Church</b> Sunday Worship Service: 10 am at Seventh Day Adventist church on Quartermaster Rd. Wednesday Service: 7 pm at Fina Sisu Housing FS#1 Contact Nick for more info: 287-1661</p>	<p><b>Victory Chapel Christian</b> Fellowship Church Sunday School: 9:30am Sunday AM Worship: 10:30am Sunday PM Worship: 7:00am Wed Worship: 7:30pm Prayer 45 min. Prior to Service Times Morning Prayer: 6-8am M-S</p>
Editor's Note: Information subject to change without prior notice. All information provided by the respective churches. If you want your church or religious activities included or to report changes and errors, call <i>Saipan Tribune</i> at 235-6397 or 235-2440 or email editor@saipantribune.com.			

# Flashback

## A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

### Oct. 13, 1999

**New law allows SC to tap trust funds**  
Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio has signed into law a measure allowing the Superior Court to make money out of the trust funds temporarily entrusted to the judiciary and to impose additional fines on people convicted of a criminal offense in an effort to ease pressure on government coffers. Public Law 11-105, which was requested by the Superior Court, now passes some of the financial costs to individuals who use the services of the court that are currently financed by taxpayers' money, according to the governor. Offered by Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider, the new law is intended to boost the court's resources amid shrinking appropriations from the government due to continuous financial difficulties.

**Lynch: Arriola has conflict of interest**  
Chief Prosecutor Kevyn Lynch alleged that lawyer Joseph Arriola violated the Commonwealth Rules of Professional Conduct when he took the job of representing all nine defendants in the illegal gambling case filed by the government last month. In a motion filed in the Superior Court, Lynch stated that the rules of conduct prohibits an attorney from representing multiple clients whose individual cases might run in conflict with one another. Arriola's clients filed individual responses in which they testified that they "knowingly and voluntarily consent to joint representation."

### Oct. 13, 2000

**DOF, CUC still scrutinizing \$12M unpaid bills**  
The Tenorio administration is still discussing with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. its unpaid billings in a bid to reach a settlement before cutting off power and water services to government offices. Mike Sablan, the governor's chief finance and budget advisor, disclosed yesterday about \$1.15 million will be paid soon to CUC for utility billings covering a two-month period. He said the administration has been paying between \$800,000 to \$900,000 to cover its utility expenditures. He, however, did not indicate how much has been shaved from the government's outstanding balance.

**Torres seeks to overhaul local employment and training system**  
Rep. William S. Torres is pushing for the implementation of a comprehensive manpower development plan in a bid to prepare the local workforce meet the rigorous employment challenges of the new millennium. The legislator is calling for a dialogue between the legislative leadership and Northern Marianas employment and training agencies through an oversight hearing with hopes of establishing better coordination among the entities involved in the development of CNMI's human resources. The congressman is seeking the attendance of such agencies as the Department of Labor and Immigration, Public School System, Northern Marianas College, Workforce Investment Act Office (formerly the Job Training and Partnership Act), and other related institutions.

### Oct. 13, 2002

**BOE adopts Reading First initiative goals**  
A plan envisioned to produce proficient and advanced readers among public school students gained full support from the State Board of Education Thursday, with the adoption of the Reading First Initiative goals and objectives. Under the initiative, PSS targets that, by 2008, all students will be proficient and advanced readers by the end of the school year. Also, one of the goals set by PSS is to develop teachers who are proficient in effective standards and scientifically-based reading instruction.

**'Separate and privatize Group Health'**  
A more permanent solution to the present crisis plaguing the beleaguered Group Health and Life Insurance Program would be to separate it first from the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund and then privatize it eventually. This was the contention of Rep. William S. Torres, who said he actually has a bill pending in the 13th Legislature that seeks to achieve this.



# Maharlika

## Bayani hosts farewell party for PH consulate staff

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REPORTER

The Bayani Association hosted a farewell party for the staff of the Philippine Consulate General and the Philippine Overseas Labor Office-Overseas Workers Welfare last Sunday at the Filipino Workers Resource Center in Susupe.

Some 50 members of the civic group attended the party days ahead of the departure of some consulate staff, including Consul General Medardo G. Macaraig, and the consulate shutdown after Oct. 31.

"We wanted to acknowledge the consulate staff for their assistance and support to the Filipino community through the years," said Bayani Association president Lolly Velasco yesterday.

The group presented certificates of appreciation to Macaraig, POLO officer-in-charge Julia F. Fabian, Antonette S. Ocon, consular assistants Nerisa N. Anastacio and Violaflor Enerlan-Ancheta, finance officer Rowena G. Tolosa, and cultural officer Hazel Manahan-Mendoza.

Guam Consul Edgar Tomas Auxilian, lead person in the takeover of consular responsibilities from Saipan to Guam, was also present.



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Bayani Association members flank staff of the Philippine Consulate General on Saipan during the farewell party at the Filipino Workers Resource Center last Sunday.

Guam Consulate as they take over the responsibilities of the Saipan Consulate," said Velasco, adding that the Bayani Association is collaborating with medical volunteers from the Commonwealth Health Center to continue the consulate's health screening program.

Sunday's featured entertainment included song numbers by 2012 Little Ms. Philippines-CNMI Bernice Shane Q. Sabino and dances by Bayani members.

The United Filipino Organization, a network of some 30 Filipino groups in the Commonwealth, also hosted a farewell party for Macaraig and other consulate staff last night at Ming Palace in Garapan.

The group also recognized the 10 instructors for the Consulate's skills upgrading and livelihood training program.

"We are saddened by the decision to close the consulate. Bayani Association was formed because of them. Our group is composed of graduates from

their training programs," Velasco told *Saipan Tribune*.

She expressed hope that the Philippine Consulate General in Agana will keep their word to the Filipino community in the Northern Marianas after the closure of the Saipan consulate.

"We vow to support the

## Bayani takes part in SCC's Cash for Trash

The Bayani Association received \$200 from the Saipan Chamber of Commerce last Wednesday after taking part in the Cash for Trash Program.

SCC's Cash for Trash Program enables community and student groups on island to raise money for their causes by participating in cleanup activities on sites designated by the Chamber and provided for by donor companies.

Lolly Velasco, Bayani Association president, said yes-

terday that some 20 members of their group picked up trash from the Minatchom Atdao pavilion to the Saipan World Resort last Sept. 22.

"We decided to participate in the Cash for Trash Program to raise funds for our two student beneficiaries in the *Tuloy Aral* Program," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

*Tuloy-Aral* (continuing education) is a program launched in December 2004 by the Overseas Workers Welfare Administra-

tion to help children of former overseas Filipino workers go to elementary and high school in the Philippines.

Velasco said the \$200 will cover the amount needed by two beneficiaries. Each sponsor donates \$100 for every scholar.

"The Cash for Trash Program is also a good opportunity to give back to the island community. We thank the Saipan Chamber of Commerce for allowing us to be a part of their worthwhile program," she added.

## Fitial bids farewell to consul general

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial bid farewell yesterday to Medardo G. Macaraig, the Philippine Consul General to Saipan, a post he has held since July 26, 2009. Macaraig will be leaving Saipan on Oct. 15 to begin his new assignment as Minister and Consul General of the Philippine Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Fitial expressed his appreciation to the consul general for his friendship and services to the Filipino community over the past three years.

"This is a sad day that I hoped would not have come," lamented Fitial. "But I understand that you must respond to the call of duty and to the decisions of the national government."

The governor also thanked Macaraig for exercising his diplomatic abilities and effectively communicating with the Filipino community in urging them to be responsible and kind friends of the Com-



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, left, shakes hands with Medardo G. Macaraig, the Philippine Consul General to Saipan, who will be leaving Saipan on Oct. 15 for his next assignment in Malaysia.

monwealth. He also assured the consul general that the long historic ties of the people of the CNMI and the Philippines will not end because of the closure of the consulate. Rather,

the governor stated that these treasured ties will live on in the years to come.

As Macaraig prepares to leave the island, Fitial is asking

the people of the people of the Commonwealth to continue praying for the consul general's wife, who is still undergoing medical treatment in the Philippines.

"Let us keep her and the Macaraig family in our thoughts and prayers so that she may soon recover and enjoy the comfort of being home with her husband and family," added Fitial. (*Office of the Governor*)

» Asks community to pray for Macaraig's wife



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Members of Bayani Association pose for a group photo following their cleanup activity on Sept. 22 for the Cash for Trash Program of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.



# Subic military base buildup vital to Defense and US

By **TONETTE OREJAS**  
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**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO**—The plan of the Department of National Defense to develop a military base inside the Subic free port is a critical part of the country's national security program, a defense official said.

It is also critical to the United States' plan to "pivot" to Asia, a new military strategy that will see 60 percent of US warships shifting to the region by the end of the decade.

The planned shift, announced earlier this year, has drawn sharp criticism from Beijing, which sees it as a strategy to contain China, an emerging military power whose increasing aggressiveness in asserting its claims in Southeast Asian waters is causing worries in the region.

While Washington has sought to assure Beijing that the strategy is not intended to box in China, the United States has proceeded to conclude agreements with Singapore and Aus-

tralia that will allow shelter for US war groups in the region.

The United States also conducts regular joint military maneuvers with Asian countries, often billed as civil-military exercises for disaster preparedness.

Going on in the Philippines, which has a mutual defense treaty with the United States, are joint exercises between US and Philippine marines, and the venue is exactly where the DND plans to build a base that a spokesperson for the department says is vital to the country's security program.

## AFP modernization

"The Armed Forces [of the Philippines] is modernizing in a very aggressive [way]," Peter Paul Galvez, DND spokesperson, told the Philippine Daily Inquirer by phone on Wednesday.

"In a few months, we are embarking in procurement and we intend to use those areas in Subic for our air platform and naval assets," Galvez said.

"We have a big interest in the area," he said, referring to the 200-hectare airport complex in the Subic free port, a former US naval base at the boundary between Zambales and Bataan

provinces.

Officials of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) earlier announced that the agency wanted to convert the idle Subic Bay International Airport (SBIA) into a tourism and commercial hub, like Sentosa Island in Singapore.

## Part of modernization

But SBMA Chairman Roberto Garcia later said the plan would not proceed because the DND wanted to use the airport as a military base.

The DND, Galvez said, has asked Congress to approve P75

billion for the modernization of the military in five years.

Part of the modernization program is a plan that calls for the Philippine Air Force (PAF) to use SBIA at Cubi Point and the adjacent seaport, Galvez said.

The US Navy built the airport during the Korean War in the 1950s. It left Subic in November 1991, two months after the Philippine Senate rejected the extension of the Philippine-US military bases agreement.

The Philippine government, through the SBMA, converted Subic into a special economic zone and free port.

## Lebanon airline employee disciplined over remark

By **KARIN LAUB**  
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**BEIRUT (AP)**—An official said Tuesday that an employee of Lebanon's national airline MEA was fired after a passenger complained in a social media campaign that the worker humiliated travelers from the Philippines at the Beirut airport and told them over the loudspeaker, "Filipino people, stop talking."

The incident is part of what human rights groups say is widespread discrimination and abuse of foreign workers in Lebanon. More than 200,000 women from Asia and Africa work as maids in the country of 4 million people, said Nadim Houry, a researcher in Lebanon for the New York-based group Human Rights Watch.

In recent years, the foreign maids' work conditions—long hours, little pay and alleged physical abuse—have come under increasing scrutiny in Lebanon. Some private beaches in the country have barred foreign workers, and not all have complied with a Tourism Ministry directive earlier this year to halt such practices, Houry said.

He lauded the social media campaign protesting Saturday's airport incident, calling it a sign of change.

"The latest incident shows that more and more people in Lebanon are angry and tired of this racism that exists," Houry said, while urging the government to do more to protect foreign workers.

"What we have been missing are concrete new policies, a new enforcement mechanism to put an end to it," he said. "It is no longer the time for nice words."

Abed Shaheen, a Lebanese businessman based in Dubai,

witnessed Saturday's incident while waiting to board a flight at Beirut's Rafik Hariri International Airport. The flight was delayed and passengers, including about two dozen domestic workers from Asia, were talking among themselves, he said.

At one point, a woman staffing the counter at the gate took a loudspeaker and announced, "Filipino people, stop talking," Shaheen said. He said the woman's male colleague corrected her, telling her the travelers were from Nepal, not the Philippines. The woman proceeded to admonish the group twice more, giggling as she did so.

Shaheen said he was outraged and walked up to the counter to complain. He said he was brushed off by the two members of the ground staff and was told they would do as they please.

He later launched a protest campaign on Facebook and Twitter and sent an email to MEAG, an MEA subsidiary that handles ground services. Shaheen said he received a call from a senior official in MEAG and was promised the company would investigate.

On Tuesday, MEA said on its Facebook page that it investigated Saturday's incident, which it portrayed it as an isolated case of "misbehavior" by an MEAG passenger service agent.

The airline said severe disciplinary action has been taken against an employee, but did not elaborate.

An MEA official said the woman was fired, and that disciplinary action was being considered against her male colleague. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the case with the media.

**STEVE KARNOWSKI**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)**—Immigration authorities said they won't take action against a Pulitzer Prize-winning Filipino journalist who was arrested in Minnesota for driving without a valid license.

Jose Antonio Vargas attracted national attention last year when he revealed that he's an illegal immigrant. He was scheduled to speak at Carleton College in Northfield last Friday but never made it.

When a state trooper stopped him in Minneapolis for driving with headphones on, Vargas produced a canceled Washington state driver's license, said Lt. Eric Roeske, a spokesman for the Minnesota State Patrol.

"He did not have a valid license, and the identification he produced when the trooper ran a check on it indicated it was canceled due to some sort of fraudulent activity, so there was some doubt to his actual identity," Roeske said.

Vargas was booked at the Hennepin County Jail and released on his own recognizance Friday pending a court appearance Oct. 18. The State Patrol contacted Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Roeske said, but the federal agency did not block his release.

An ICE spokeswoman in Washington said Monday that the agency intends to leave Vargas alone because he's not a high priority.

"Mr. Vargas was not arrested by ICE nor did the agency issue a detainer," Gillian Christensen said in an email statement. "ICE is focused on smart, effective immigration enforcement that prioritizes the removal of public safety threats, recent border crossers and egregious immigration law violators, such as those who have been previously removed



In this June 20, 2012, file photo former *Washington Post* journalist turned immigration reform activist, Jose Antonio Vargas, center, an illegal immigrant himself, speaks in Washington. AP

from the United States."

Vargas was part of a *Washington Post* team that won a Pulitzer in 2008 for coverage of the Virginia Tech massacre. The revelation about his immigration status, in an essay published in the *New York Times Magazine* in June 2011, raised questions about what his former employers knew of his legal status. The *Post* condemned him for keeping it secret.

Washington state officials canceled Vargas' driver's license in July 2011. He wrote in his essay that he obtained it after the Oregon license he used to get his job at the *Post* expired.

Vargas did not immediately return messages seeking comment.

He wrote in his *Times* essay that his mother sent him from the Philippines to live with grandparents in California in 1993 when he was 12 years old. He wrote that he didn't find out he was in the country illegally until he applied for a driver's permit with forged documents.

Vargas now leads an initiative called "Define American,"

which campaigns for immigration reform.

## PHILIPPINE BRIEFS

### 9 Filipinos missing in trip to disputed shoal

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—The Philippine coast guard says nine fishermen are missing after venturing out to fish near a disputed shoal in the South China Sea. Coast guard chief Vice Admiral Edmund Tan says the fishermen left northwestern Zambales province on Oct. 1 and headed toward waters south of the Scarborough Shoal but have not returned. He says the fishermen may have encountered stormy weather. The area around the shoal is claimed by China and the Philippines. Tan says the coast guard cannot search the seas due to huge waves but has asked passing ships to be on the lookout for the fishermen. He says the coast guard is verifying a report that one of the fishermen managed to send a cellphone message to a relative to report their location.

### Bomb blast kills 2 in southern Philippine city

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—Police say a homemade bomb exploded near a hotel in a southern Philippine city, killing two people and wounding two officers. Cagayan de Oro City police chief Gerardo Rosales says no motive or suspects have been identified in the blast Thursday morning. One bystander was killed on the spot and another died in the hospital. No guest or hotel staff was hurt. Rosales says two officers who responded to a call that several unidentified men were acting suspiciously saw a small metal container near the hotel and called a bomb squad. The officers were wounded when the device, which was packed with nails, exploded as they backed away from it. Criminal gangs as well as Muslim and communist rebels operate in the restive southern region.



# Samut' Sari



NEW CHIEF JUSTICE

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) and the rest of the senators pose for a group photo with newly confirmed CNMI Supreme Court Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro, fourth from right, along with wife Carmen, on Thursday in the Senate chamber.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



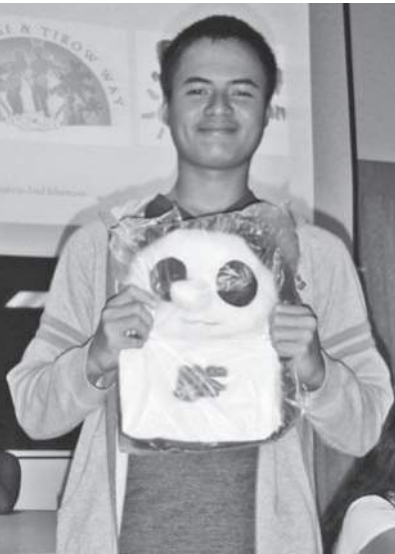
HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Newly confirmed CNMI Supreme Court Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro, left, receives a traditional Carolinian lei from Manny Mangarero, center, while Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), right, greets the crowd in the chamber moments after the Senate confirmed Castro's nomination by a 6-0 vote on Thursday. Gov. Benigno R. Fitial sworn in Castro immediately following the Senate confirmation.



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Dignitaries and members of the general public clap their hands to applaud the Senate confirmation of Alexandro C. Castro, front, as the CNMI's fourth Supreme Court chief justice on Thursday morning in the Senate chamber. Gov. Benigno R. Fitial swore him into office immediately after the Senate confirmation by a vote of 6-0.



TOURISM PARTNERS

MTEC

Elden Dela Cruz of Saipan Southern High won a Saipan-da backpack for correctly answering a tourism-related question during the educational presentation of the Marianas Tourism Education Council on Oct. 5, 2012, at the school.



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Marla Salik of Chacha Oceanview Jr. High won a gift bag for correctly answering a tourism-related question during the educational presentation of the Marianas Tourism Education Council on Oct. 4, 2012, at the school. Also pictured is MTEC chair Vicky Benavente.



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Rayven Ferrer of Saipan Southern High won a waterpark pass for two during the Marianas Tourism Education Council presentation on Oct. 5, 2012, at the school. Ferrer correctly identified the two primary and two secondary visitor markets of the Northern Mariana Islands and the approximate number of visitors the NMI receives each year.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy birthday greetings go out to Jude Derence "JD" Seman Kaipat! God bless and may you have many more birthdays to come. Greetings come from, AJ, RJ, Princy, and the family.

Happy 15th birthday to Franica Sablan Masga! We hope you have a great day, have fun, and laugh lots! We love you and may you have many, many more birthdays to come. Greetings come from Grandma, Kai-kai, and your Suva family.

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# Business

## Mailing a letter to cost a penny more next year

WASHINGTON (AP)—It'll cost another penny to mail a letter next year.

The cash-strapped U.S. Postal Service said Thursday that it will raise postage rates on Jan. 27, including a 1-cent increase in the cost of first-class mail to 46 cents.

It also will introduce a new global "forever" stamp, allowing customers to mail first-class letters anywhere in the world for one set price of \$1.10. Currently, the prices vary depending on the international destination, with letters to Canada and Mexico costing 85 cents.

Under the law, the post office cannot raise stamp prices more than the rate of inflation, or 2.6 percent, unless it gets special permission. The post office, which expects to lose a record \$15 billion this year, has asked Congress to give it new authority to raise prices by 5 cents, but lawmakers have failed to act.



In this Dec. 5, 2011, photo, a customer places first class stamps on envelopes at a U.S. Post Office in San Jose, Calif.

The mail agency also will increase rates on its shipping services, such as priority mail, by an average of 4 percent.

The post office, which is struggling with debt and low cash flow, said the rate hikes were partly

aimed at bringing in new revenue while maintaining its pricing advantage in the shipping business. Private companies such as UPS and FedEx, which offer similar shipping services, regularly adjust their prices.

## IMF, World Bank chiefs urge focus on fair growth

TOKYO (AP)—Sacrificing growth for the sake of austerity could put the entire world economy in jeopardy, the head of the International Monetary Fund told global financial leaders Friday, calling for medium-term work to bring down debt levels and urgent action to get the unemployed back to work.

In a forward-looking speech to fellow financial leaders at the IMF and World Bank annual meeting in Tokyo, IMF chief Chris-

tine Lagarde also warned against backsliding on reforms needed to prevent future financial crises.

"The first priority, clearly, is to get beyond the crisis, and restore growth, especially to end the scourge of unemployment," Lagarde said.

That requires monetary policies that encourage banks to lend, and the "right pace" of adjustments in spending. Debts must be brought down in the medium term, and structural reforms are needed to

sustain growth in the long term, she said.

"That's the package that is needed," Lagarde said. "Let us not delude ourselves. Without growth, the future of the global economy is in jeopardy."

The IMF has scaled back its global growth forecast for 2012 to 3.3 percent from 3.5 percent, and has warned that even its dimmer outlook might prove too optimistic if Europe and the United States fail to resolve their crises.

### FOR CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

## BankPacific offers tips to businesses for combating fraud

Cybercriminals are increasingly targeting small businesses to transfer funds from accounts and steal private information, a fraud referred to as "corporate account takeover." Criminals use spoofed emails, malicious software and online social networks to obtain login credentials to businesses' accounts, which they then use to make illicit transactions.

"Small businesses are a growing target for account takeover," said BankPacific SVP Monica Pido. "Yet, a strong partnership with banks such as ours will give you the tools needed to shield yourself from this attack."

Combating account takeover is a shared responsibility between businesses and financial institutions. Banks can explain the safeguards small businesses need and the numerous programs available that help ensure fund transfers, payroll requests and withdrawals are legitimate and accurate. Employees should be trained about safe internet use and the warning signs of this fraud, as they are the first line of defense.

"We're far more effective at

combating account takeover when we combine resources than going at it alone," said SVP Pido.

As part of National Cyber Security Awareness Month, BankPacific offers businesses these tips to help prevent account takeover:

■ **Protect your online environment.** It is important to protect your cyber environment just as you would your physical

location. Do not use unprotected internet connections. Encrypt sensitive data and keep updated anti-virus and anti-spyware protection on your computers. Change passwords from the default to something complex, including at point-of-sale terminals. We may be islands in the middle of the Pacific but we are not immune from cyber criminals.

■ **Partner with your bank for payment authentication.** Talk to us about services that offer call backs, device authentication, multi-person approval processes, batch limits and other tools that help protect you from unauthorized transactions.

■ **Pay attention to suspicious**

**activity and react quickly.** Put your employees on alert. Look out for strange network activity, do not open suspicious emails and never share account information. If you suspect a problem, disconnect the compromised computer from your network and contact your banker. Keep records of what happened.

■ **Understand your responsibilities and liabilities.** It is critical that businesses and individuals understand and implement security safeguards. If you don't, you could be liable for losses resulting from a takeover. Talk to your banker if you have any questions about your responsibilities.

To learn more, see the American Bankers Association's Small Business Guide to Corporate Account Takeover (<http://www.aba.com/solutions/fraud/pages/corporateaccounttakeoversmallbusiness.aspx>).

Read about National Cyber Security Awareness Month at <http://www.dhs.gov/national-cyber-security-awareness-month>.

BankPacific has been servicing our region for 58 years and has offices in Guam, Saipan and Palau.



# Nation

## VP Debate: Biden, Ryan at each other on everything

DANVILLE, Ky. (AP)—At odds early and often, Joe Biden and Republican Paul Ryan squabbled over the economy, taxes, Medicare and more Thursday night in a contentious, interruption-filled debate. "That is a bunch of malarkey," the vice president retorted after a particularly tough Ryan attack on the administration's foreign policy.

"I know you're under a lot of duress to make up for lost ground, but I think people would be better served if we don't interrupt each other," Ryan later scolded his rival, referring to Democratic pressure on Biden to make up for President Barack Obama's listless performance in last week's debate with Mitt Romney.

There was nothing listless this time as the 69-year-old Biden sat next to the 42-year-old Wisconsin congressman on a stage at Centre College in Kentucky.

Nearly 90 minutes after the initial disagreement over foreign policy, the two men were

still at it, clashing sharply over rival approaches to reducing federal deficits.

"The president likes to say he has a plan," said Ryan, a seven-term congressman. But in fact "he gave a speech" and never backed it up with details.

Biden conceded Republicans indeed had a plan. But he said that if enacted it would have "visceralized all the things



Biden



Ryan

the middle class care about," including cutting health care programs and education.

As Biden and Ryan well knew, last week's presidential debate has fueled a Republican comeback in opinion polls.

Republicans and Democrats alike have said in recent days the presidential race now approximates the competitive situ-

ation in place before the two political conventions. Obama and Ryan are generally separated by a point or two in national public opinion polls and in several battleground states, while the president holds a slender lead in Ohio and Wisconsin.

With Democrats eager for Biden to show the spark the president lacked, he did so. He supplemented his criticism by

periodically smiling mockingly, wagging his finger and raising his arms in mock disbelief as his rival spoke.

Ryan, sitting on the national debate stage for the first time,

settled on a smirk for parts of the debate. He sipped water and cleared his throat through many of Biden's answers.

Unprompted, Biden brought up the video in which Romney had said 47 percent of Americans pay no federal income tax, view themselves as victims and do not take responsibility for their own lives.

## CDC: Meningitis outbreak growing, 14 people dead

WASHINGTON (AP)—Federal health officials have tracked down 12,000 of the roughly 14,000 people who may have received contaminated steroid shots in the nation's growing meningitis outbreak, warning Thursday that patients will need to keep watch for symptoms of the deadly infection for months.

"We know that we are not out of the woods yet," Dr. J. Todd Weber of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said as the death toll reached 14.

Of the 170 people sickened in the outbreak, all but one have a rare fungal form of meningitis after receiving suspect steroid shots for back pain, the CDC said. The other case is an ankle infection discovered in Michi-

gan; steroid shots also can be given to treat aching knees, shoulders or other joints.

Fungus has been found in at least 50 vials of an injectable steroid medication made at a specialty compounding pharmacy in Massachusetts, investigators said. Health authorities haven't yet said how they think the medication was contaminated, but they have ruled out other suspects—other products used in administering the shots—and the focus continues to be on that pharmacy, the New England Compounding Center.

Compounding pharmacies traditionally supply products that aren't commercially available, unlike the steroid at issue in the outbreak. And Dr.

Madeleine Biondolillo of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health said it appears the company violated state law governing those pharmacies, which aren't supposed to do large-scale production like a drug manufacturer. Instead, they're supposed to produce medication for patient-specific prescriptions, she said.

"This organization chose to apparently violate the licensing requirements under which they were allowed to operate," she told reporters Thursday.

Company officials weren't immediately available to comment Thursday but earlier this week declined comment except to say they were cooperating with the investigation.



### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Softball-sized eyeball washes up on Florida beach

MIAMI (AP)—It's not that body parts never wash ashore on Florida beaches. But usually it's not an eye the size of a softball. State wildlife officials are trying to determine the species of a blue eyeball found by a man Wednesday at Pompano Beach, north of Fort Lauderdale. They put the eyeball on ice so it can be analyzed at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute in St. Petersburg.

#### 17 hurt in Victorville, Calif., school bus crash

VICTORVILLE, Calif. (AP)—A school bus carrying 40 children was knocked on its side Thursday when a U-Haul truck backed into it, injuring 16 students and the bus driver, authorities said. Two of the children had "serious but non-life threatening" injuries and were taken to Loma Linda University Medical Center, said Tracey Martinez, spokeswoman for

San Bernardino County fire. Ten others were also transported to hospitals. The remaining four were treated and released at the scene, said California Highway Patrol Officer Joaquin Zubieta.

#### Attempt to stop names release in prostitution case

PORTLAND, Maine (AP)—A lawyer for two alleged clients of a Maine woman accused of running a prostitution business out of her Zumba dance studio in Kennebunk and secretly videotaped the encounters has filed a motion to block the release of names of the men suspected as her clients. Stephen Schwartz told The Associated Press he filed the motion in court Thursday, a day before police were expected to possibly release the first batch of names. Schwartz said the release of the names has a great potential to ruin people's reputations, families and businesses and to prejudice any potential jury.



# Asia

## US missiles kill 16 militants in NW Pakistan

**PARACHINAR, Pakistan** (AP)—U.S. drones fired four missiles at a compound of a Pakistani militant commander in a northwestern tribal region on Thursday, killing 16 militants, while a pair of bombings in another part of the country killed 10 civilians and three security personnel, officials said.

A government administrator in Orakzai region, Salim Khan, said 12 insurgents were also wounded in the drone attack near Biland village bordering the North Waziristan tribal region. Three Pakistani intelligence officials said the dead and wounded men were fighters loyal to militant commander Hafiz Gul Bahadur, who is based in North Waziristan.

The officials spoke on condi-

tion of anonymity as they were not authorized to brief reporters on the record.

Although U.S. authorities often target militant hideouts in the country's North and South Waziristan tribal regions bordering Afghanistan, such strikes in other tribal regions like Orakzai are rare. The U.S. rarely discusses the unmanned drone strikes, which are part of a covert CIA program.

The strikes are extremely contentious in Pakistan, where many consider them an affront to Pakistani sovereignty. They also say the strikes kill innocent civilians, which the U.S. denies.

The Pakistani government protested to the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad about Thursday's drone strikes as well as another

on Wednesday in which five people were killed.

"The embassy was informed that drone strikes on Pakistani territory were a clear violation of international law and Pakistan's sovereignty. These attacks were unacceptable to Pakistan," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

Washington says the strikes are an important part of battling militants in the tribal areas, where Pakistan has been unable or unwilling to do so.

The latest drone attack came hours after a bomb at a crowded market in Pakistan's restive southwestern province of Baluchistan killed 10 people. A roadside bombing elsewhere in the troubled region killed three security officials, police said.



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People comfort a man injured in a bomb blast in Sibi, about 150 kilometers (90 miles) east of Quetta, at a local hospital in Quetta, Pakistan on Thursday, Oct. 11, 2012.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Reports say rainstorms kill 17 in Bangladesh

**DHAKA, Bangladesh** (AP)—Rainstorms lashed hundreds of villages in southern Bangladesh on Thursday, killing at least 17 people and injuring dozens, news reports said. Somoy Television and the Daily Star newspaper said the rain, spawned by a tropical depression in the Bay of Bengal, also destroyed hundreds of mud-and-straw huts and knocked down many trees and electrical poles. Uprooted trees blocked roads and power outages plunged parts of Bhola, Hatia and Chittagong into darkness, the reports said. The region is 215 kilometers (135 miles) south of the capital, Dhaka. Government officials were not immediately available for comment.

#### Threat looms over Bali bombing 10th anniversary

**BALI, Indonesia** (AP)—A decade after twin bombs destroyed a holiday in paradise for tourists partying at two jumping nightclubs in Indonesia's beach resort of Bali, survivors and victims' families on Friday braved a fresh terrorism threat to remember those lost to the tragedy. Security was tight with more than 2,000 police and military,

including snipers, deployed to guard the memorial services after reports involving the "certain movement" of terrorists were announced two days earlier, raising the security alert to its highest level. No other details were released about the potential threat. "The loss is not just giving us grief, it is also giving us the strength to fight terrorism and all other extremist activities," said Bali Governor Made Mangku Pastika, the former police chief who led the investigations following the attacks.

#### Strong earthquake rocks eastern Indonesia

**JAKARTA, Indonesia** (AP)—A strong earthquake jolted eastern Indonesia on Friday, sending panicked people running out of their houses and buildings, but there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries. Indonesia's meteorology and geophysics agency said there was no danger of a tsunami, but the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center said there was a "very small possibility" for a tsunami near the epicenter. The U.S. Geological Survey says the quake measured magnitude 6.7 and was centered 108 kilometers (67 miles) north of Dobo on Aru island chain of the provincial capital of Maluku, at a depth of 24 kilometers (15 miles).

# World

## Turkey: Syrian plane was carrying ammunition

**ANKARA, Turkey** (AP)—Escalating tensions with Russia, Turkey defended its forced landing of a Syrian passenger jet en route from Moscow to Damascus, saying Thursday it was carrying Russian ammunition and military equipment destined for the Syrian Defense Ministry.

Syria branded the incident piracy and Russia called the search illegal, saying it endangered the lives of Russian citizens aboard the plane.

The accusation by Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan contradicted denials by both Russia and Syria that anything illegal had been aboard the Airbus A320 that was intercepted over Turkish airspace late Wednesday.

"Equipment and ammunition that were being sent from

a Russian agency ... to the Syrian Defense Ministry," were confiscated from the jetliner, Erdogan told reporters in Ankara. "Their examination is continuing and the necessary (action) will follow."

He did not provide details, but Turkish media said the seized cargo included missile parts as well as radio receivers, antennas and other military communications equipment.

"As you know, defense industry equipment or weapons, ammunitions ... cannot be carried on passenger planes," Erdogan said. "It is against international rules for such things to pass through our air space."

Erdogan refused to say how—or from whom—Turkey had learned that the twice-weekly scheduled flight would be used to transport military

gear to Syria.

"As you will appreciate, those who gave the tip, which establishments, these things cannot be disclosed," he said.

The United States said it backed Turkey's decision to intercept the plane. "Any transfer of any military equipment to the Syrian regime at this time is very concerning, and we look forward to hearing more from the Turkish side when they get to the bottom of what they found," said State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland.

She declined to comment on Turkish reports that the intelligence on the plane's contents had come from the United States. The plane was allowed to continue to Damascus after several hours, without the cargo.

## Jordan: US forces plan shield against Syria

**RUSSEIFEH, Jordan** (AP)—From the edge of a steep mountain overlooking a desert compound built into an old rock quarry, machine gunfire echoes just outside hangars where U.S. special operations forces are training Jordanian commandos.

The Americans, who arrived in the kingdom a few weeks ago at the request of the Jordanians, are helping them develop techniques to protect civilians in case of a chemical attack from neighboring Syria, according to Jordanian officials.

On the Syrian border farther north, British military officers recently assessed the dangers of rockets constantly falling on the kingdom and ways to shield the Jordanian population and Syrian refugees as President Bashar Assad widens his military offensive against rebel enclaves in the vicinity, according to Jordan-based Western diplomats.

Jordan's King Abdullah II has repeatedly discussed plans for reinforcing security along the Syrian border and expressed concern over Syria's chemical stockpiles in meetings with visiting Western allies, according to the two

diplomats, who monitor Syria from their base.

They said it is believed that Abdullah has also been shopping around for an anti-missile defense system to shield his densely populated capital, Amman—home to nearly half of Jordan's population.

There is also talk of contingency plans for a quick pre-emptive strike if Assad loses control over his stock of chemical weapons in the civil war. The fear is that those weapons might otherwise fall into the hands of al-Qaida or Lebanon's Islamic militant group Hezbollah.

"There are dangers involved, and we have to ensure the safety of our country and the well-being of our citizens," a senior government official said in the first public Jordanian confirmation of the presence of foreign military personnel here. "We are benefiting from the experience of our allies as we prepare for the worst scenarios."

The presence of some 150 Americans at the King Abdullah II Special Operations Training Center northeast of the capital is a clear message to Assad that Jordan's longtime Western allies stand ready to defend the country if it is dragged into the 19-month Syria conflict.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Hezbollah says it sent drone over Israel

**BEIRUT** (AP)—The leader of Hezbollah claimed responsibility Thursday for launching an Iranian-made drone aircraft into Israeli airspace earlier this week, adding more tension to an already explosive atmosphere. Sheik Hassan Nasrallah warned that it would not be the last such operation by his Lebanese militant group. Israeli warplanes shot down the unmanned plane, but the infiltration marked a rare breach of Israel's tightly guarded airspace. Hezbollah had been the

leading suspect because of its arsenal of sophisticated Iranian weapons and a history of trying to deploy similar aircraft.

#### Russian judges defend ruling in Pussy Riot trial

**MOSCOW** (AP)—The Russian judges who ruled to keep two of the three Pussy Riot band members behind bars took the unusual step of publicly defending their decision, saying Thursday that it was made independently and without pressure. A panel of three judges at the Moscow City Court on Wednesday upheld

a lower court ruling to send Nadezhda Tolokonnikova and Maria Alekhina to prison for two years, but they released Yekaterina Samutsevich after giving her a suspended sentence. Pussy Riot staged an impromptu punk performance at Moscow's main cathedral in February in protest against President Vladimir Putin and the Russian Orthodox Church hierarchy for openly supporting his rule. The three women were convicted of hooliganism motivated by religious hatred, but they insist that their protest was political in nature and not an attack on religion.



# Youngstyle

## School helps traumatized Syrian kids heal

By DALE GAVLAK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**ZAATARI, Jordan (AP)**—For many Syrian children traumatized and driven from their homes by their country's civil war, the opportunity to head back to school—even if it's in a dusty, wind-swept refugee camp—is a chance to return to a semblance of normalcy.

The children have a lot to try to overcome. Many have had relatives killed. They have seen their neighborhoods destroyed by bombings as the regime of President Bashar Assad battles rebels who have been trying for 19 months to topple him. They have endured as they and their families fled across the border into an unknown future in Jordan.

"Bashar shelled us and my cousin died. I want Assad to go away, so I can go back to Syria," said Safa, a 13-year-old who was among 2,300 children who were able to resume their studies in this tent city near Jordan's border with Syria.

"They started this school to try to help us forget what has been happening, but that's hard. Still, I'm happier now that I can study again," said the petite girl in a black headscarf at the beginning of her Arabic grammar class.

The start of school in the Zaatari refugee camp is a step in international efforts to help Jordan deal with what has become an overwhelming wave of refugees from the Syria conflict. More than 200,000 Syrians who fled the civil war are now in Jordan, their numbers growing daily, according to the U.N. refugee agency.

Zaatari is home to 33,000 of the refugees, and it has become known as the "children's camp" because nearly half its residents are under the age of 18.

The U.N. children's agency hopes classes and the routine they provide will bring some stability back to the children's lives.

"School is the first step to bring children to a place of healing," said Dominique Hyde of UNICEF, which along with Jordan's Ministry of Education, opened the school at the camp last week.

"It's where we will be able to notice some of the psycho-social consequences of all of the challenges that they've lived through. Many crossed



In this Thursday, Oct. 4, 2012 photo, Dominique Hyde, UNICEF's representative to Jordan, speaks to Syrian refugee children during the opening of the first school at the Zaatari Syrian refugee camp in Mafraq, Jordan. AP

the border with almost nothing on their backs. Families are distraught; the parents do not know what the future holds," she said.

At a girls class, 13-year-old Rasha, from the central city of Homs, said she suffers from constant nightmares.

"I keep seeing my uncles shot and bleeding from everywhere," the young girl said, as her face turned ashen. "My mother tells me a story to try to help me sleep, but it's not working."

Another girl, Raghad, said her house was destroyed in Daraa, the southern Syrian town where the uprising began in March 2011. "It's much better here than in Syria. At least I can study again in school. But it's hard for me to sleep at night because I often feel pain," the 11-year-old said, as she wiped a tear from her eye.

So far, the school consists of 14 large green and yellow-striped cloth tents, each hosting two classrooms of 40 pupils each, covering grades 1-12. Inside are plastic chairs and tables, blackboards, pen-

cils and paper. Girls attend classes in the morning, boys in the afternoon because there is not enough room.

Currently, 2,300 children are enrolled, just over half those who have registered to enter classes. But the camp's population—and the number of children—constantly swells. An average 200 Syrians arrive daily, and that number can surge at any time as violence spikes inside Syria. During only two days in August, 5,000 flowed in.

A school for 5,000 students,

funded by the Bahraini government, is due to be completed by the end of the month, said Hyde, UNICEF's representative to Jordan, and the organization has appealed for funds to take in more.

The help is also needed outside the camp, with more than 160,000 refugees living in various Jordanian communities. About 18,000 of their children began classes last month in Jordanian government-run schools, which are getting international aid to absorb the influx. At least 200,000 Syrian

children displaced inside their country are having difficulty accessing education, Hyde said. Tens of thousands more Syrians have fled to Turkey, Iraq and Lebanon.

The refugee issue has raised worries that Jordan could be dragged into Syria's conflict. On Wednesday, the U.S. said it had stationed more than 100 military personnel in Jordan to help in the crisis, including helping it absorb the refugees. The team—which is the closest American military presence to Syria's civil war—has been

providing medical kits, water tanks and other humanitarian supplies to Jordan, as well as training to its border troops on dealing with refugees.

The school is part of a drive to improve conditions at Zaatari, where rioting has broken out several times as refugees complain of lack of lighting and water and the stifling dust at the camp set on a parched, treeless strip of land.

"We're in a race against time to get things done before winter," said Andrew Harper of the U.N. agency for refugees. Communal kitchens are being built, refugees' tents and two school tents will be winterized with heaters and insulation, and a drainage system is being installed to deal with winter rains.

In Zaatari, UNICEF is working with British-based Save the Children and the International Medical Corps to provide counseling for the camp's traumatized children.

For Ahlam, a 10-year-old from the central Syrian town of Homs, school is a welcome respite from the death and destruction, but she just wishes the nightmare back home would end.

"They attacked us and they started to kill us. That is why we ran away," said the tiny girl, with honey-colored curls. "Sometimes, I have nightmares of people attacking me. I hope everything in Syria would just go away."

Outside the school's gate, seventh-grader Saud from Daraa could barely wait for his and the other boys shift to start. He said his family fled to Jordan because his brother was wanted by the security forces.

"Usually the regime takes those on its wanted list and slaughters them in front of their family," he said. "That's why we escaped here."

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**SCARE WAVES!** Our artist says there are 24 goblins in this picture. How many of them are apparent to you?

**GHOST STORY!** "I was sitting on a tombstone when a ghost came and said: 'Sryor ot tsirudb oyu tub ou'rey tisting no ym ehad.'" Unscramble last line of this vintage poem.

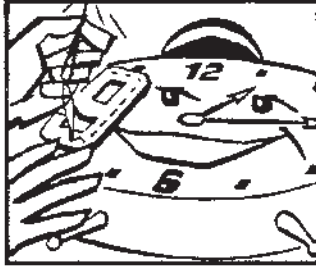
"Sorry to disturb you but you're sitting on my head."

**EYE SPY!** Pupils of an owl's eyes normally peer straight ahead, fixed in place. But you will have to forgive the owl shown here, for it simply cannot believe what it sees. Indeed, it would seem that its eyes are playing tricks on it.

Hold the accompanying design at reading distance, gaze at it steadily, and the pattern will seem to change direction. That is to say, rows of blocks seem to go one way, then go another. 'Tis illusionary, of course.

## Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman



### LAST WORD FLUB IN OLD SAYINGS

YOU are asked to read over and correct sayings below whose last words are purposely altered. See if you can recall the more appropriate last word of each saying.

1. A stitch in time saves eight.
  2. Life is just a bowl of skivvies.
  3. It is better to let sleeping dogs sigh.
  4. Time is honey.
  5. Slow and steady wins the case.
  6. Hitch your wagon to a planet.
  7. Many are called, but few are frozen.
- Remember, only the last word is to be restated.  
Time limit: 2 minutes.

1. nine, 2. cherries, 3. lie, 4. money, 5. race, 6. star, 7. chosen.

## Strange BUT TRUE

by Samantha Weaver

■ It was 20th-century American author and actress Cornelia Otis Skinner who made the following sage observation: "One learns in life to keep silent and draw one's own confusions."

■ If you grew up during a certain era in the United States, you are probably familiar with the board game Parcheesi. If you have a particularly good memory, you may recall that the game's subtitle is "The Royal Game of India." You may not realize, though, that the game is so-called because royalty in India used to play a life-size version of the game in gardens specially designed for the pursuit. Centuries ago, rajas would dress members of their harems in brightly colored costumes and use them as game pieces.

■ Everyone knows that a sophomore is someone in his or her second year of high school or college. Most people don't realize, though, that the word is derived from the Greek words "sophos," which means "wise," and "moros," which means "stupid."

■ It's not unusual for music critics and the artists they critique to butt heads, but they usually do it in print, not in person. In 1978, though, the staff of Rolling Stone magazine and the band the Eagles went head-to-head in a softball match. The writers ended up losing to the rock stars.

■ The creator of the ubiquitous smiley face earned a grand total of \$45 for his creative effort.

■ Having trouble with your teenager? It's a worldwide problem, it seems—though not always for the same reasons. In 2004, a 13-year-old boy in India ran away from home, declared that he was a Hindu holy man and founded a monastery. His parents arranged for him to be kidnapped and brought back home.

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Thought for the Day: "Life is not a spectacle or a feast; it is a predicament."—George Santayana

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### MAGIC MAZE • STATES WITH A PLACE NAMED COLUMBUS

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Illinois Minnesota N. Dakota Texas  
Indiana Missouri Nebraska Wisconsin  
Kansas Montana New Mexico

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### GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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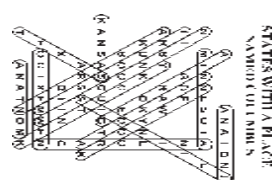
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#### MAGIC MAZE ANSWER



#### GO FIGURE ANSWER

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## When couple splits, who gets the pets?

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** My boyfriend and I called it quits last month after six years together. While we lived together we adopted two beautiful dogs, "Gelly" and "Robie." We both love the dogs but aren't sure what to do. He wants to keep them, and so do I. Any suggestions?—Janice H., Providence, R.I.

**DEAR JANICE:** Pets are so much a part of our families these days that when a relationship breaks down, custody of those pets can cause as much acrimony as a struggle for custody of children. To many people, pets are their children. So settling on who gets the dogs can be a difficult process.

Even if you can't cooperate on anything else, strive to cooperate on creating a plan for both of you to spend time with the dogs. I have friends who have set up visitation rules for their pets—one person gets the pets for a week, the other person gets them for another week. Another ex-couple decided after several months of sharing that one would keep their three dogs all the time and the other would visit each weekend.

In a breakup, pets can suffer quite a bit of stress. The dynamics of the



household have changed, patterns of their humans' behavior have changed, and one human isn't around anymore. This alone can cause noticeable behavioral changes in your dogs, so pay close attention to them. Gelly or Robie may seem more active or hyperactive, or eat less and not be as active. Both you and your ex need to give them plenty of encouragement and love during this time.

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Send your questions or comments to [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com). If your question or comment is printed in the weekly column, you'll receive a free copy of "Fighting Fleas," the newest booklet from Paws Corner!

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## String fall leaves into colorful crowns

It's not uncommon to spot Lisa MacMartin strolling through her neighborhood at the crack of dawn collecting what she calls "urban bits of nature" for the day's craft lesson at her welcoming family shop, Heartfelt. "If I need fresh materials for fairy-house making, I'll scamper around to find bark, pinecones and acorns on the ground. Using fresh materials is a way to celebrate the seasonality," she adds.

Helping kids and their parents become more aware of the natural world in simple ways is her passion. On a recent Saturday, her quest was all about finding leaves for fashioning fall leaf crowns. Thanks to a windstorm the night before, Lisa's finds included armloads of vibrant maple leaves still attached to fallen branches. Spread out on a large project table, the bounty was ready inspiration for all ages.

"Leaf crowns can be made anywhere leaves are falling," she tells eager kids and their parents. "The simple, natural craft gives everyone something to do when you take a break under a tree. And it's fleeting," she points out. "A cute leaf crown only lasts a day, reminding us to be present and appreciate the here and now."

Here's how you and your kids can make your own leaf crowns to be kings and queens of autumn:

1. Collect 15-20 freshly fallen pliable leaves with stems. (Maple leaves with their pointed ends are especially fun for crown-making.)

2. Cut off the stems at an angle with scissors where they meet the leaf. You will use them as pins to attach the leaves together.

3. Begin by overlapping the edges of two leaves. Gently insert the cut, angled end of a stem in and out of the two layers to hold the two leaves together. Repeat by adding another leaf to the right of the second leaf, "stem pinning"

## Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson



it in place. Continue creating the leaf chain until it fits your head. Attach the last leaves with another stem pin to finish the round crown.

4. Place it on your head and take a picture!

Resource: [www.heartfeltonline.com](http://www.heartfeltonline.com)

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Donna Erickson's award-winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit [www.donnasday.com](http://www.donnasday.com) and link to the NEW Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."

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# Life & Style

## China's Mo Yan wins Nobel literature prize

By ALEXA OLESEN and LOUISE NORDSTROM  
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**BEIJING (AP)**—Novelist Mo Yan, this year's Nobel Prize winner for literature, is practiced in the art of challenging the status quo without offending those who uphold it.

Mo, whose popular, sprawling, bawdy tales bring to life rural China, is the first Chinese winner of the literature prize who is not a critic of the authoritarian government. And Thursday's announcement by the Swedish Academy brought an explosion of pride across Chinese social media.

The state-run national broadcaster, China Central Television, reported the news moments later, and the official writers' association, of which Mo is a vice chairman, lauded the choice. But it also ignited renewed criticisms of Mo from other writers as too willing to serve or too timid to confront a government that heavily censors artists and authors, and punishes those who refuse to obey.

The reactions highlight the unusual position Mo holds in Chinese literature. He is a genuinely popular writer who is embraced by the Communist establishment but who also dares, within careful limits, to tackle controversial issues like forced abortion. His novel "The Garlic Ballads," which depicts a peasant uprising and official corruption, was banned.

"He's one of those people who's a bit of a sharp point for the Chinese officials, yet manages to keep his head above water," said his longtime U.S. translator, Howard Goldblatt of the University of Notre Dame. "That's a fine line to walk, as you can imagine."

Typical of his ability to skirt the censors' limitations, Mo had retreated from Beijing in recent days to the rural eastern village of Gaomi where he was raised and which is the backdrop for much of his work. He greeted the prize with characteristic low-key indifference.

"Whether getting it or not, I



In this photo taken Monday, Oct 22, 2007, Chinese writer Mo Yan speaks during an interview at a teahouse in Beijing.

don't care," the 57-year-old Mo said in a telephone interview with CCTV from Gaomi. He said he goes to his childhood hometown every year around this time to read, write and visit his elderly father.

"I'll continue on the path I've been taking, feet on the ground, describing people's lives, describing people's emotions, writing from the standpoint of the ordinary people," said Mo, whose real name is Guan Moye and whose pen name "Mo Yan" means "don't speak." He chose the name while writing his first novel to remind himself to hold his tongue and stay out of trouble.

The state media hoopla and government cheer contrasted with the last Nobel prizes given to Chinese. Beijing disowned China-born French emigre dramatist, novelist and government critic Gao Xingjian when in 2000 he became the only other Chinese winner of the literary prize.

After imprisoned democracy campaigner Liu Xiaobo was awarded the Peace Prize two years ago, the government heaped scorn on the award as a tool of the West and chilled diplomatic and economic relations with Norway, the home country of the prize.

Nobel winners have included political and social critics,

including Guenter Grass of Germany and Orhan Pamuk of Turkey. The Swedish Academy disputed suggestions that it had selected Mo to seek Beijing's favor and rehabilitate the Nobel's image in the minds of many Chinese.

"As we've been trying to, naggingly, say: This is a literature prize that is awarded on literary merit alone. We don't take other things in consideration," said Peter Englund, the academy's permanent secretary. The reaction in a winner's homeland "doesn't enter into our calculus."

Mo writes of visceral pleasures and existential quandaries and tends to create vivid, mouthy characters. While his early work sticks to a straightforward narrative structure enlivened by vivid descriptions, raunchy humor and farce, his style has evolved, toying with different narrators and embracing a freewheeling style often described as "Chinese magical realism."

Among the works highlighted by the Nobel judges were "Red Sorghum" (1987) and "Big Breasts & Wide Hips" (2004), as well as "The Garlic Ballads." "Frogs" (2009) looked at forced abortions and other coercive aspects of the government's policies restricting most

families to one child.

His output has been prolific, which has contributed to his popularity and his impact. His works have been translated into English, Russian, French, German and many other languages, giving him an audience well beyond the Chinese-speaking world. Mo has a top literary agent, Andrew Wylie, who was at the Frankfurt book fair in Germany when he learned of Mo's Nobel and told The Associated Press: "We are in discussions globally." Several of his books quickly sold out Thursday on Amazon.com, although few copies likely were in stock.

## Man convicted of trespassing at Miley Cyrus' home

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—A Los Angeles jury has convicted a man of misdemeanor trespassing at the home of Miley Cyrus.

The panel on Thursday also found Jason Luis Rivera guilty of resisting arrest after he was caught at the actress and singer's home. The 40-year-old's sentencing is scheduled for Friday.

Rivera has been jailed since his arrest Sept. 8, when authorities say he was caught at Cyrus' home carrying a pair of scissors.

Police say Rivera told them he was a friend of the singer-actress and repeatedly threw himself against an outside wall as if trying to break in.

Cyrus wasn't home during the incident.

A phone message left for Rivera's court-appointed attorney was not immediately returned.

## Teen on a short leash wants more freedom from parents

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm 17 and go to a high school with drug addicts and girls who are lucky they aren't pregnant. (Some are.) My father thinks I'm like them even though I have proven time and again that I'm not. I have a 4.0 GPA and have never done drugs or had sex.

I'm not allowed to drive anywhere without my mother accompanying me. If I want to go on a date with my boyfriend, my parents must be present. I have lost friends who are tired of having to hang with my parents and me. I have tried telling my dad this, but he claims I'm being ridiculous and then picks a fight with me. I suggested family counseling, but Dad refused. He says we don't have the money.

What do I do? I just want to be a normal teenager who can hang out without my parents following me everywhere.

TIRED TEEN IN WYOMING

**DEAR TIRED TEEN:** You have my sympathy. You have caring and conscientious parents, who appear to have gone overboard in trying to shelter you. By age 17—and with a 4.0 GPA—you should have been allowed to socialize without a constant chaperone. That's how teens learn to develop relationships and make mature decisions.

In another year you will be 18 and an adult. If there is an adult relative in whom you can confide, ask that person to please speak to your parents on your behalf. You should be experiencing more freedom than you have been allowed.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I have known my boyfriend, "Kyle," for eight years. We have been dating more than two years and living together for seven months. We have an amazing relationship. We love to laugh and make each other laugh. That's a "quirk" we share.

This morning, Kyle woke up, went straight to his dad's house without saying why and returned with his hair cut, beard trimmed and looking well-groomed. He seemed kind of "off," though—almost nervous. He then went to his mom's to help with some yard work and when he came home, he snuck up behind me and slipped a ring on my finger. I got a little teary-eyed and asked where it came from. He said from his mom. He acted shy, wouldn't say much or look right at me. Then, after a moment, he shouted, "Just kidding! I wanted to make you laugh and freak you out a little."

I don't think there was malicious intent on his part. He's a sweetheart, but I don't know how to tell him how badly he hurt me emotionally. I thought he was proposing. What should I do?

UNENGAGED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

**DEAR UNENGAGED:** Sit Kyle down and tell him the effect his "joke" had on you. After a couple has started living together, a proposal of marriage is no laughing matter unless both partners are in on the joke.

P.S. If you talk to him in all seriousness, you may find that he DID propose, but then got cold feet.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I'm in my early 60s and have no plans to retire. I raised a child on my own and wasn't able to save much for retirement, and my office retirement plan disappeared during the recession in 2008.

Because of my age, people young and old often ask when I plan to retire. I don't feel I owe anyone an explanation as to why I continue to work, and I plan on working as long as I can. I usually say I can't afford to retire, but then I get a response like, "I sure hope I'M not working at your age," or "You can get Social Security," etc. Any idea how I should respond to let these people know it's none of their business?

MIFFED IN MENLO PARK

**DEAR MIFFED:** All you have to do is smile and say, "Retire? I'm just getting started!"

## 'Bachelor' couple Jason and Molly expecting baby

**NEW YORK (AP)**—One of the few couples from ABC's "The Bachelor" franchise to marry is now expecting their first child. Jason and Molly Malaney Mesnick's baby is due in March.

People.com first reported the news. Thirty-six-year-old

Jason Mesnick confirmed the report on Twitter saying, "WA-HOOOOOOOOO!!! Molly is going to be a MOM and TY a BIG BROTHER!" Mesnick's son Ty is from a previous marriage.

Twenty-eight-year-old Molly Mesnick also took to Twitter saying they were excited "about

the pint size peanut on the way."

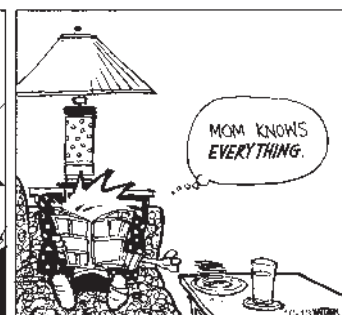
The couple met on the 13th season of "The Bachelor." Molly was actually the runner-up to the winner Melissa Rycroft. Mesnick proposed to Rycroft but ended up breaking up later, saying he still had feelings for Molly. The two married in February 2010.



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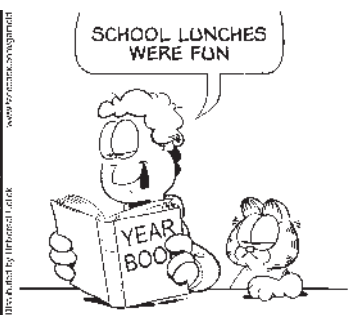
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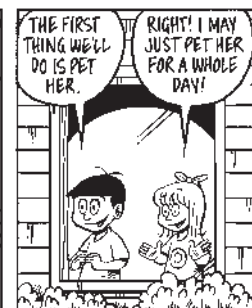
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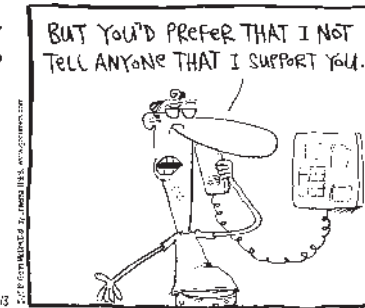
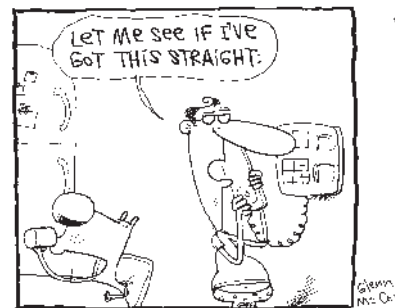
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By Bryan Basset



## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



## CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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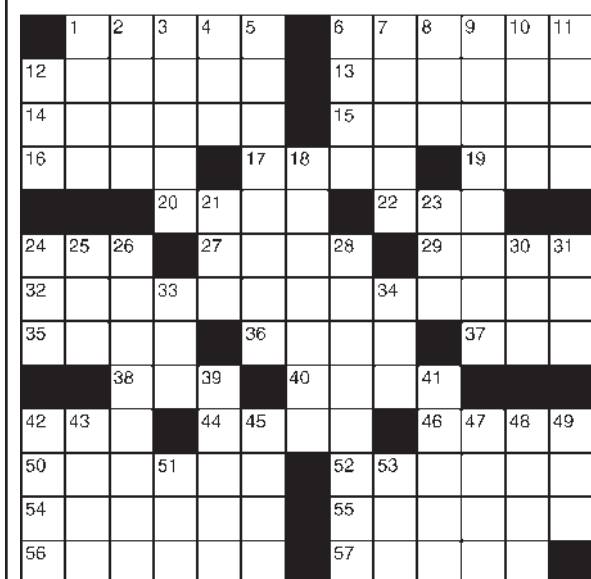
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**Yesterday's answer 10-13**



## STUMPED?

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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Sacha Baron Cohen, 41; Kate Walsh, 45; Kelly Preston, 50; Marie Osmond, 53.

**Happy Birthday:** Greater security is within reach. Your creative talent is pushing the envelope and your intuition is guiding you in the right direction. Follow your instincts and you will be pleased with your results. Now is the time you can stand up, be counted and make substantial improvements to your future. Your numbers are 4, 11, 21, 30, 32, 40, 45.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Consider your options. You cannot let anyone take advantage of you. Make sure you are getting something in return for the effort you are putting in. The detail and precision you put in should be devoted to something that benefits you. \*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Apply pressure in order to get things done. Show your determination and don't back down. It's important to let others see your ability to find unique solutions as well as your propensity to lead. Love and romance are highlighted. \*\*\*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Find ways to improve your relationships with others. Get involved in activities or events that are geared toward helping a cause you believe in. Your outgoing, versatile personality will attract new friends as well as proposals. Don't overindulge. \*\*\*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Ditch any moodiness you are feeling and get out and socialize. Interaction with others will help lift your spirits and encourage you to follow

through with your creative ideas. Don't create problems when romance is what's required. \*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Limitations and added responsibilities are apparent. A last-minute change must not be allowed to ruin your plans. A quick solution can be found if you don't waste time getting worked up over something you cannot change. \*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Keep busy doing things to improve your home and domestic scene. Don't get angry or put yourself in physical danger trying to do the impossible. Ask for help if you need it, and offer what you can in return so you don't feel indebted. \*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Size up your situation. Before you take on too much, set your priorities straight and do what's important. Put your efforts where they will bring the highest return. Expand your interests, hone your skills or visit someone you can learn from. \*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Take care of matters that will improve your life personally, emotionally and physically. A change will help to boost your confidence and give you a new outlook regarding how you can move forward. Love is on the rise. Romance should be planned. \*\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Avoid emotional turmoil. Don't mislead anyone. Honesty will be necessary. You'll have too many options to make a personal decision that you are not likely to honor. Put your energy into helping a worthwhile cause. \*\*

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Take on mental and physical challenges that will help you grow spiritually, philosophically and educationally. There is plenty to gain if you pursue a venture that interests you. Your ability to come up with something valuable to offer others will be well received. \*\*\*\*\*



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Stick close to home and improve your surroundings. The ideas you come up with will help you expand your interests and allow you to invest more in your talent and your comfort. Use experience to make the right choices now. \*\*\*



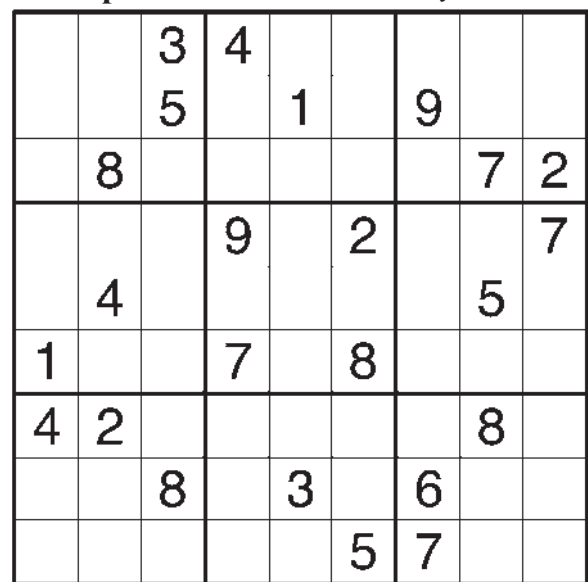
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Don't criticize someone when you are just as much to blame. Anger is not the solution. Common sense and practical plans will help sort through any differences you have. There is money to be made if you are moderate and disciplined. \*\*\*

**Birthday Baby:** You are clever, entertaining and versatile. You are practical and devoted. Eugenia's Web sites: [eugenialast.com](http://eugenialast.com) for confidential consultations, [myspace.com/eugenialast](http://myspace.com/eugenialast) for Eugenia's blog, [astroadvice.com](http://astroadvice.com) for fun

## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green



Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

2	4	7	3	5	8	1	9	6
5	1	6	2	4	9	3	7	8
9	8	3	6	1	7	4	5	2
6	9	4	7	3	5	8	2	1
7	5	2	1	8	6	9	4	3
8	3	1	9	2	4	7	6	5
4	2	5	8	9	1	6	3	7
1	7	9	5	6	3	2	8	4
3	6	8	4	7	2	5	1	9

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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Solution: 11 letters

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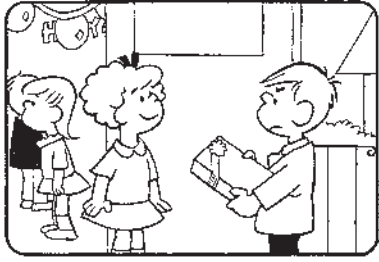
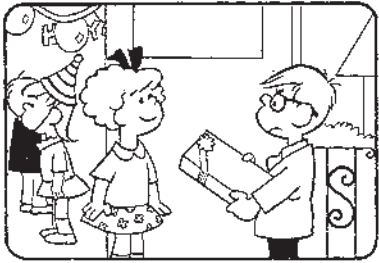
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Yesterday's Answer: Deal or No Deal

The NFL's Thursday night football game is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. (ET/PT) on Oct. 13. The game will be broadcast on ESPN2 and ESPN3. The game will also be available on the NFL's mobile app. The game will be available on the NFL's mobile app. The game will be available on the NFL's mobile app.



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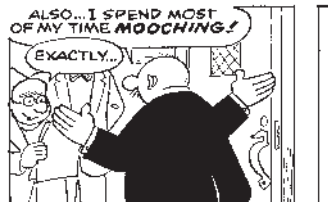
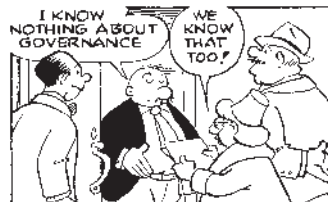
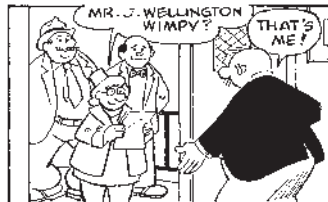
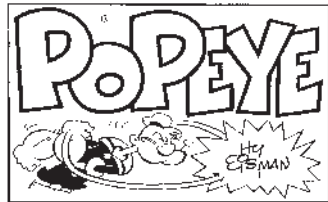
FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.  
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4. Package is smaller. 5. Boy's glasses are missing. 6. Boy's shirt is missing.

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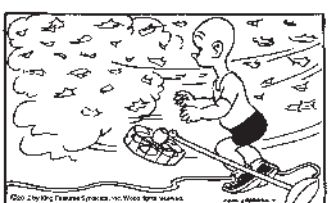
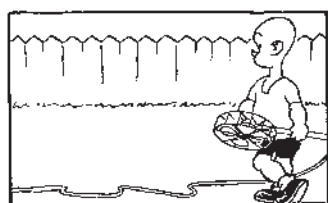
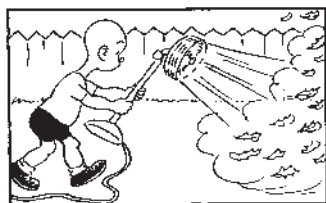
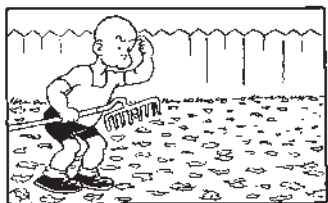
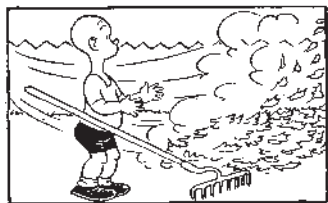
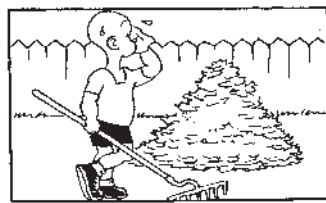
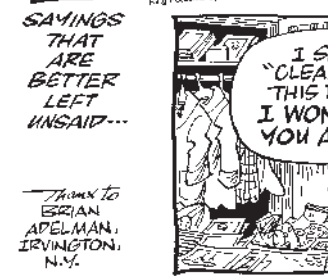
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They'll Do It Every Time

by Al Scaduto



Super Crossword

"BOTTOMS UP!"

ACROSS

- 1 Like positive numbers
- 10 "Peace"
- 16 Toll, as a bell
- 20 Person at the helm
- 21 "Om," e.g.
- 22 River of Hesse
- 23 Composer of the opera "Prince Igor"
- 25 Hightail it
- 26 "Z" actress
- 27 Musical reworking: Abbr.
- 28 Most macabre
- 30 Martial arts actor Jackie
- 31 Baseball's all-time leader in stolen bases
- 36 Boat rower's need
- 37 Throws back
- 39 Ship in insurance
- 41 Glancing piercingly
- 43 Syr.
- 44 Next year's srs.
- 45 Suffix with east or west

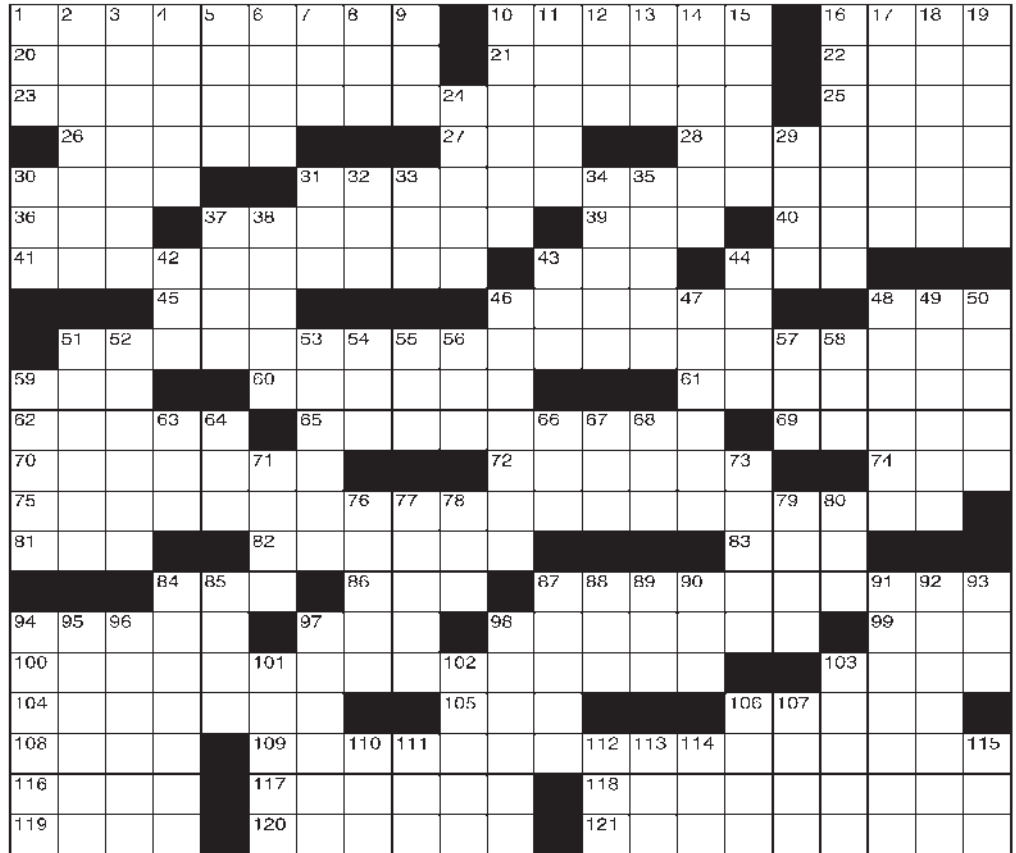
- 46 Organism on a slide
- 48 Fraction of a fl. oz.
- 51 Longtime Hearst publication
- 59 Call for help
- 60 Ryder of "Heathers"
- 61 Introduce, as a new year
- 62 — Gay (old war plane)
- 65 Theme of this puzzle
- 69 Go with the flow
- 70 Medium of many all-talk stations
- 72 Asimov and Newton
- 74 Anti-trafficking gp.
- 75 Tomatoey seafood soup
- 81 — cone (cooling treat)
- 82 Divide up by type
- 83 Suffix with prefect
- 84 Bolted
- 86 — Lankan
- 87 Acacia's kin
- 94 Spring zodiac sign
- 97 Onyx or opal

- 98 Certain fishing pot
- 99 "Yummy" pair
- 100 Locale of the Venezuelan city
- 103 "— a Lady"
- 104 Autumn zodiac sign
- 105 Ocean off FL
- 106 Legendary furrier
- 108 Prong
- 109 Carnivorous North American rodent
- 116 Right fielder
- 117 Dissimilar to
- 118 Rocks atop
- 119 Camera part
- 120 Willow family member
- 121 Consensus

- 8 Future try
- 9 Bruins great
- 10 Campfire snacks
- 11 Actor Hamlin
- 12 "It's — brainer"
- 13 English "Inc."
- 14 Situate
- 15 Like horses
- 16 Shoots a rifle again
- 17 Least busy
- 18 "Kinsey" star
- 19 — Green, Scotland
- 24 Dried by heat
- 29 Raise
- 30 Machine tooth
- 31 U.S. 1, e.g.
- 32 Bitterly cold
- 33 Guerrilla
- 34 Is sporting
- 35 Violinist
- 37 Salon option
- 38 "I can just see"
- 42 French "the"
- 43 "— bad boy!"
- 44 Drinking birches
- 46 Slanting
- 47 — & Lomb
- 48 Angry rant
- 49 Hidden marksman

- 50 Tetra- plus one
- 51 Swindling guy
- 52 City in south Chile
- 53 Lace loops
- 54 "Starpeace" singer Yoko
- 55 Rapper Tone
- 56 Fluid in a pen
- 57 "Oh, clever!"
- 58 Last British letter
- 59 Clothing lines
- 63 "Well, — di-dah"
- 64 Boise's county
- 66 Sly-fox filler
- 67 "Take me as —"
- 68 Body of eau
- 71 Call —
- 73 Composer John Philip
- 76 It's a plus
- 77 Shearer of the screen
- 78 — de coeur
- 79 Saran, say
- 80 Clue seeker: Abbr.
- 84 Backslide
- 85 "And hurry!"
- 87 — Yello (soft drink brand)

- 88 Stovodoros' org.
- 89 Everest, e.g.: Abbr.
- 90 Munic. law
- 91 Put in a new home
- 92 Writer Ralph Waldo
- 93 Quaint suffix with poet
- 94 Dutch beer
- 95 Wisconsin city
- 96 Easy-to-attach patch
- 97 "Buon —!" (Italian "Good day!")
- 98 Nehemiah-Job linkup
- 101 Equip for use
- 102 "May — favor?"
- 103 Squall, e.g.
- 106 Skill, in Sicily
- 107 Captain Hook's henchman
- 110 High Swiss peak
- 111 RSVP parl.
- 112 K-12 org.
- 113 Violin tuner
- 114 Ballad's end?
- 115 Doc with an otoscope



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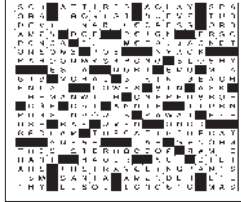
Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

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2. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Maltese Islands located?
3. FAMOUS QUOTES: What American writer once said, "Analyzing humor is like dissecting a frog. Few people are interested and the frog dies of it?"
4. SCIENCE: What is a less-than-average tide occurring at the first and third quarters of the moon?
5. PHOBIAS: Hemophobia is an irrational fear of what?
6. GAMES: What kind of game has variations that include "Cincinnati" and "Omaha"?
7. HUMAN ANATOMY: What are the crescent-shaped white spots on fingernails called?
8. MYTHOLOGY: According to Greek mythology, what was the name of the prophetic god who could change his form at will?
9. LANGUAGE: What is the Gaelic equivalent of James?
10. MATH: What is the lowest whole number (in English) that includes the letter "a" when it is spelled out?

1. Mounds and Almond Joy
2. Mediterranean Sea
3. E.B. White
4. Neap tide
5. Blood
6. Poker
7. Lunula
8. Proteus
9. Seamus or Shamus
10. 1,000 (thousand)

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Saturday's Answers



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering





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**In Re The Matter  
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Guardianship For:**

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(d.o.b. 3/31/2002)  
and M.J.O.R.  
(d.o.b. 10/19/2003)  
Minor Children**

**By:**

**Victor Norita  
Rivera  
Petitioner**

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# Tigers ride Verlander back to ALCS



**O A K - LAND, Calif.** (AP)—

Once he finally made his way to the victorious visiting clubhouse, Justin Verlander's teammates greeted him with chants of "Cy Young!" and sprayed him in the face with bubbly.

Already among baseball's best starters, Verlander showed he sure can finish.

Detroit's ace and MVP book-ended the AL division series with 11-strikeout gems, throwing a four-hitter in the decisive fifth game to get the Tigers back to the AL championship series for a second straight year with a 6-0 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Thursday night.

"I thought he might have thrown 300 pitches if he had to," slugger Prince Fielder said. "He wasn't coming out of the game. No way."

Verlander delivered a day after closer Jose Valverde failed to hold a ninth-inning lead as Detroit was pushed to the brink after jumping out to a 2-0 series lead back home at Comerica Park.

Verlander tossed his first career postseason shutout and complete game with a 122-pitch masterpiece.

"He had a look in his eye today," manager Jim Leyland said. "A complete-game look in his eye."

The Tigers will face either the New York Yankees or Baltimore Orioles, tied at two games apiece heading into Game 5 on Friday night in New York. Game 1 of the ALCS is scheduled for Saturday.

Verlander, the reigning AL Cy Young Award winner and MVP, was so sharp nobody in the bullpen ever got up to throw. He struck out 22 in his wins on both ends of this nail-biting series.

After squandering two chances to clinch the series, including blowing a two-run ninth-inning lead in Game 4, Leyland left it all up to Verlander just as he said he would.

"I think it's one of those things I expected to go nine innings," Verlander said. "In this situation, in a Game 5, I wanted to go all the way."

Austin Jackson hit an RBI double in the third and a run-scoring single as the Tigers added on with a four-run seventh. Fielder had an RBI single.

The Tigers are on to another ALCS despite getting just one RBI all series from Triple Crown winner Miguel Cabrera - on a bases-loaded hit by pitch, no less. Booned by the yellow towel-waving sellout crowd of 36,393 each time he stepped into the batter's box. Cabrera finished 5 for 20, and it was his



Detroit Tigers starting pitcher Justin Verlander delivers a pitch in the first inning of Game 5 of an American League division baseball series against the Oakland Athletics in Oakland, Calif., Thursday, Oct. 11, 2012.

blooper dropped by Coco Crisp in a 5-4 Game 2 victory Sunday that allowed two runs to score.

Leyland all but called Verlander's latest gem.

"Justin Verlander's a pretty tough chore for anybody," Leyland said.

The Detroit skipper gave the ball to his 17-game winner and said beforehand the Tigers would likely win or lose with the hard-throwing right-hander on the mound.

And, against the A's - or anybody else, for that matter - Verlander usually wins.

"This is where legends are made," catcher Alex Avila said. "Tonight, he basically put us on his back and said, 'We're not going to lose.'"

Verlander recorded the most strikeouts in a shutout of a winner-take-all postseason game, topping Sandy Koufax's 10 in the 1965 World Series against Minnesota.

"When you're going into pressure situations like this, there's nobody better to have on the mound than Justin," Jackson said.

Verlander followed up an 11-strikeout outing in Detroit's 3-1 Game 1 win Saturday with another overpowering performance in his 10th postseason start. He improved to 3-0 with a 2.11 ERA in three postseason starts against the A's and upped his career mark to 5-4 with 2.15 ERA in 10 starts at the Coliseum.

Verlander had allowed one

earned run with a 0.69 ERA in beating the A's twice during the regular season.

"He's always tough. You go out there and you battle him the best that you can," Crisp said. "Today he had some of his best stuff of the year."

## Orioles 2, Yankees 1

In New York, these Birds don't rattle easily.

A day after a demoralizing defeat, the Baltimore Orioles won a test of wills and Game 4 of the AL division series, bouncing back to outlast the New York Yankees 2-1 in 13 innings Thursday night on J.J. Hardy's RBI double.

Now, after playing past midnight to even things, the Orioles will get a chance to finally overtake the Yankees in a winner-take-all Game 5 Friday. The teams have already split 22 games this year, and it all comes down this: a matchup for a spot in the AL championship series against Detroit.

"We just kept telling ourselves, this is not the last night of the season," Hardy said.

Game 1 winner CC Sabathia was set to pitch the deciding game for the Yankees against Jason Hammel.

With the innings and hours piling up, the Orioles were 0 for 8 with runners in scoring position until Hardy doubled off David Phelps with one out to score Manny Machado, who had doubled.

"There hasn't been a whole

lot of opportunities to score runs," Hardy said, "so when there are those opportunities, I think we're trying a little bit too hard."

Phelps had relieved in the 12th after Joba Chamberlain was hit by a flying broken bat, forcing him to leave with a bruised right elbow.

## Giants 6, Reds 4

In Cincinnati, not just any comeback would get San Francisco back to playing for a pennant. It would take one of Giant proportions.

And Buster Posey believed it could happen. Even after the Giants left the West Coast down two games, the National League batting champion insisted his team could pull it off, despite the long odds.

With one swing, he got everyone else believing it, too.

Posey hit the third grand slam in Giants' postseason history on Thursday, and San Francisco pulled off an unprecedented revival, moving into the championship series with a 6-4 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

"You don't want to be in a lose-and-you're-out scenario," reliever Jeremy Affeldt said, wearing a brace on his left wrist so he didn't hurt it in the champagne-flavored clubhouse celebration. "We've been in that situation for three days. We're probably going to sleep well tonight."

They'll play either Washington or St. Louis for the NL pen-

nant, Sunday, not caring at all who they face.

"We could go up against anybody at any time," shortstop Brandon Crawford said. "Being down 2-0 and coming back and winning three at their place, it's an unbelievable feeling."

Game 1 of the NL championship series will be Sunday, either in Washington against the Nationals or in San Francisco vs. the Cardinals.

## Nationals 2, Cardinals 1

In Washington, joyous, bouncing teammates waiting to greet him at home, the red-clad crowd raucous as can be, Jayson Werth yanked off his red batting helmet with two hands and thrust it a dozen or more feet overhead.

A little less than two years ago, the Washington Nationals showered Werth with millions, persuading him to come show them how to win. On Thursday night, with one swing of his black bat, Werth delivered a game-ending homer to extend his club's surprising season and wipe away whatever disappointments marred his days in D.C.

Werth led off the bottom of the ninth inning with a 13-pitch at-bat against reliever Lance Lynn that ended with the ball landing beyond the wall in left field, giving the Nationals a tense 2-1 victory over the defending World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals and forcing a deciding Game 5 in their NL division series.

"That's the way that game should have ended: Jayson Werth hitting a home run," Nationals manager Davey Johnson said. "He has not hit that many this year. ... Unbelievable. Great effort on his part."

The best-of-five series will end Friday night in Washington, with the winner advancing to face the San Francisco Giants in the NL championship series. The starters will provide a rematch of Game 1, which Washington won, with Gio Gonzalez on the mound for the NL East champion Nationals, and Adam Wainwright for the wild-card Cardinals.

"It's what you play all season for, and what you work out all winter for, and what you get to spring training early for," Werth said. "We have a chance tomorrow to take that next step. I know my teammates will be ready. And the city will, too."

The homer was Werth's first of the series, the 14th of his postseason career. He won the 2008 World Series and a string of division titles with the Philadelphia Phillies, then moved to Washington before last season as a free agent on a \$126 million, seven-year contract that stunned much of baseball.

He managed to hit only five homers and 31 RBIs in 2012, missing 75 games because of a broken left wrist. Last year, his first in Washington, Werth hit only .232 with 58 RBIs, and there was grumbling about his worth.



# Bironas' FG gives Titans win over Steelers



**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)**—The Tennessee Titans gave themselves a little breathing room with a much-needed victory, and the Pittsburgh Steelers still can't win away from Heinz Field.

Rob Bironas kicked his fourth field goal, a 40-yarder as time expired, and the Titans beat the Steelers 26-23 on Thursday night to snap a two-game skid.

Matt Hasselbeck threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Kenny Britt with 4:19 left to tie it at 23, and the Titans (2-4) snapped a three-game losing streak against the Steelers. More importantly, the team that had given up more points than any other team in the NFL held its first opponent below 30 points this season.

"It's only one win, we know that," Titans coach Mike Munchak said. "But it's a great win for us at this point in the season when we needed a win to show people what we're all about."

Pittsburgh (2-3) lost its third straight road game this season and the fifth in six games dating to last season despite Ben Roethlisberger throwing for 363 yards and becoming the Steelers' career passing leader.

"We're not doing enough things to finish games in hostile environments," Pittsburgh coach Mike Tomlin said. "That's just the reality right now. Hopefully, it's just right now. We didn't do the job tonight. We defeated ourselves in some areas. We'll go back to work. Needless to say it's disappointing. We tip our caps to those guys."

Roethlisberger drove the Steelers into position to take the lead after the Titans tied it. Shaun Suisham, who already had connected from 29, 28 and 52 yards, had his 54-yard attempt fall short of the crossbar with 49 seconds left. Tomlin



Tennessee Titans kicker Rob Bironas (2) reacts with holder Brett Kern (6) after kicking the game-winning field goal in the fourth quarter of an NFL football game against the Pittsburgh Steelers on Thursday, Oct. 11, 2012, in Nashville, Tenn. The Titans won, 26-23.

said Suisham hit the 52-yarder pretty good so he decided to give his kicker the chance to win a second straight game.

"I take full responsibility for the miss," Tomlin said.

Chris Johnson ran for 91 yards on 19 carries, and Hasselbeck finished with 290 yards passing.

"It feels good to win against a good opponent," said Hasselbeck, who started his second straight game in place of injured Jake Locker. "It feels good to win a close game."

The Steelers were up 20-16 when Lawrence Timmons picked off Hasselbeck's pass, but they had to settle for Suisham's third field goal after moving the ball only 14 yards. That field goal put Pittsburgh

up 23-16, and the NFL's fifth-ranked defense couldn't make that stand up.

Johnson, who has been criticized mercilessly for his struggles running the ball, kicked off Tennessee's next drive with a 12-yard run. The Titans drove 80 yards before Hasselbeck found Britt to tie it. Britt had dropped a would-be TD the play before and bobbled the TD catch too.

After the Titans stopped Pittsburgh, Hasselbeck drove them 33 yards with the big play a 25-yard pass to tight end Jared Cook on a night his mother, Yulinda, was honored as a breast cancer survivor. The Titans gave the ball to Johnson to run down the clock, then sent out Bironas for the field goal.

Tomlin tried to ice Bironas with a timeout. Bironas waited it out, and then kicked the ball through to give the Titans a rare chance to celebrate this season.

"It's kind of like Kevin Costner in 'For The Love of the Game,' where he clears the mechanism," Bironas said. "You go out there, and you're in the zone."

Roethlisberger entered the game with 27,703 yards, 286 yards shy of Terry Bradshaw's franchise record. Roethlisberger was 24 of 40 and passed Bradshaw with a 17-yard pass to Heath Miller late in the third quarter of his 119th game. Bradshaw played 168 games from 1970-83. Roethlisberger also threw an 82-yard TD pass to Mike Wallace.

"We're not scoring enough points, and we're not making the play when we need to," Roethlisberger said.

The Steelers, who played without safety Troy Polamalu and linebacker LaMarr Woodley, head home with a much longer injury report.

Steelers running back Ike Redman caught four passes for 105 yards for the Steelers before injuring his right ankle in the third quarter and never returned. Running back Rashard Mendenhall also went down with an Achilles injury.

Center Maurkice Pouncey injured his right leg on the Steelers' first play from scrimmage and was ruled out for the rest of the game. Right tackle Marcus Gilbert hurt his right ankle in the second quarter. Doug Legursky stepped in for Pouncey, while rookie Mike Adams replaced Gilbert. A Steelers drive stalled when Derrick Morgan got around Adams and sacked Roethlisberger.

Bironas also had field goals of 22 and 38 yards in the first quarter, and his 47-yarder on the final play of the first half gave

Tennessee a 16-10 lead.

Tennessee capitalized on a blocked punt to take the lead early in the second quarter.

On the final play of the first quarter, Tim Shaw broke through the middle of the line and blocked Drew Butler's punt. Jason McCourty recovered at the 1 to give the Titans first-and-goal. That set up a 1-yard burst from Jamie Harper that gave the Titans a 13-10 advantage.

Harper's touchdown left St. Louis as the only team without a rushing touchdown this year.

"We couldn't lose tonight," Shaw said. "We were desperate. We needed this win more than anything. It's gotten us in a good place."

The Steelers failed at moving above .500 for the first time this season after splitting their first four games. They should have felt right at home in Nashville, as roughly half the fans at LP Field were waving Terrible Towels while dressed in Steeler black-and-gold. They even had a fan run onto the field after the third quarter, waving a towel before being tackled.

## O'Hern shoots 62 to take Frys.com Open lead

**SAN MARTIN, Calif. (AP)**—Australia's Nick O'Hern had to choose between baseball and golf as profession. This weekend he's able to get his fill of both.

O'Hern shot a career-best 9-under 62 on Thursday in rainy conditions to take a three-stroke lead over European Ryder Cup player Nicolas Colsaerts, Jhonattan Vegas and Derek Ernst in the Frys.com Open.

O'Hern had eight birdies in an 11-hole stretch and capped the bogey-free round with a birdie on the par-5 ninth hole at Corde-Valle Golf Club.

He made it, as a fan, to Oakland's 2-0 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Tuesday night after playing golf at the Olympic Club in San Francisco.

"I'm just doing it all this week," O'Hern said. "It's a lot of fun. I've never been to a playoff baseball game before and it was quite an experience. I was in my golf clothes. All that green and yellow and I had a pink shirt on."

Colsaerts is trying to earn a PGA Tour card. As a special temporary member, he needs to finish the equivalent of 125th on the money list to earn a full 2013 card. The Belgian

player has earned \$652,886, enough now for the 120th spot.

"Obviously, it is a little more difficult to keep playing in the rain," Colsaerts said. "The greens got a bit softer as well, and pace-wise on the greens it's not the same thing. So you got to search for the things that the rain just changes the course a little. But I felt like I'm kind of used to playing in this kind of stuff. I know you guys over here don't really like it that much. I thought it was actually the perfect time just to press on and make sure I get a good score in."

Vegas is fighting a shoulder injury.

"It was definitely a phenomenal round today," Vegas said. "It was really the best solid round I've had all year from the beginning to the end from birdieing the fifth hole and birdieing two of the last three."

So it was great." Ernst, a recent graduate of UNLV, is playing in his first career tour event after winning a sectional qualifier.

Charles Howell III, John Mallinger, Jonas Blixt, Gary Woodland and Greg Owen shot 66.

British Open champion Ernie Els opened with a 71 in the Fall Series event.

## Armstrong marches on the day after report

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Lance Armstrong tried to treat it like any other day.

The world-renowned cyclist was at the office of his cancer-fighting foundation, "talking about next week's events and plans for 2013," he said on Twitter.

But Thursday was different. It was the day after the evidence came out—a voluminous report from the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency that painted him as a drug-using bully at the center of what the group called the biggest doping conspiracy ever concocted in sports.

The fallout from the agency's version of events, and its raft of

supporting documents, started coming down in small bites from friends, foes, supporters and detractors around the globe.

Twitter posts with the "livestrong" hash tag—the name of Armstrong's charitable foundation—seemed to be running about 50-50, from those who thought the USADA report cemented Armstrong as a fraud, to those who didn't care and admire him for the millions of dollars he has raised for cancer research.

Either way, there was no denying the impact of the report, which provides USADA's justification for ordering Armstrong's seven Tour de France titles stripped.

The weight of 26 witnesses, including 11 ex-teammates, forced people to reach a conclusion about the rider.

"This is as if Mount Everest just showed up in his front yard," said Daniel Coyle, author of "Lance Armstrong's War" and "The Secret Race," which he wrote with Tyler Hamilton, a former teammate and witness against Armstrong.

"The detail is crystal clear," Coyle said. "And each of the stories perfectly aligns. The details are so clear, you can't imagine anyone making it up. The voices you hear in the affidavits are remarkable, persuasive, precise and not, in every

case, reluctant."

After cancelling an appearance scheduled in Chicago for Friday, Armstrong visited his foundation headquarters in Austin, Texas, for about 30 minutes in the morning, chatting informally with employees and looking for a place to hang a new painting he recently added to his personal art collection. The USADA report did not come up in conversation, foundation spokeswoman Katherine McLane said.

The head of the foundation, Doug Ulman, said he had received several messages of support and Armstrong would carry the banner for the foundation.



**TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES**

**NFL STANDINGS**

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	3	2	0	.600	165	113
N.Y. Jets	2	3	0	.400	98	132
Miami	2	3	0	.400	103	103
Buffalo	2	3	0	.400	118	176
South						
Houston	5	0	0	1.000	149	73
Indianapolis	2	2	0	.500	91	110
Tennessee	2	4	0	.333	114	204
Jacksonville	1	4	0	.200	65	138
North						
Baltimore	4	1	0	.800	130	89
Cincinnati	3	2	0	.600	125	129
Pittsburgh	2	3	0	.400	116	115
Cleveland	0	5	0	.000	100	139
West						
San Diego	3	2	0	.600	124	102
Denver	2	3	0	.400	135	114
Oakland	1	3	0	.250	67	125
Kansas City	1	4	0	.200	94	145
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
Philadelphia	3	2	0	.600	80	99
N.Y. Giants	3	2	0	.600	152	111
Dallas	2	2	0	.500	65	88
Washington	2	3	0	.400	140	147
South						
Atlanta	5	0	0	1.000	148	93
Tampa Bay	1	3	0	.250	82	91
Carolina	1	4	0	.200	92	125
New Orleans	1	4	0	.200	141	154
North						
Minnesota	4	1	0	.800	120	79
Chicago	4	1	0	.800	149	71
Green Bay	2	3	0	.400	112	111
Detroit	1	3	0	.250	100	114
West						
Arizona	4	1	0	.800	94	78
San Francisco	4	1	0	.800	149	68
St. Louis	3	2	0	.600	96	94
Seattle	3	2	0	.600	86	70

**FRYS.COM OPEN SCORES**

**SAN MARTIN, California (AP)** — Scores from the Frys.com Open, played at the 7,368-yard, par-71 CordeValle Golf Club.

PARTIAL FIRST ROUND	
<b>Note: Play was suspended due to darkness</b>	
Nick O'Hern	30-32-62
Jhonattan Vega	31-34-65
Nicolas Colsaerts	31-34-65
Derek Ernst	33-32-65
Charles Howell III	30-36-66
John Mallinger	33-33-66
Jonas Blixt	33-33-66
Gary Woodland	33-33-66
Greg Owen	32-34-66
Jeff Maggert	33-34-67
Garrett Willis	34-33-67
Patrick Cantlay	33-34-67
Rocco Mediate	33-34-67
Will Claxton	33-34-67
Vaughn Taylor	32-35-67
J.J. Killen	34-33-67
Billy Horschel	33-34-67
David Mathis	34-34-68
Jeff Overton	32-36-68
Bud Cauley	34-34-68
Jason Kokrak	33-35-68
D.A. Points	36-32-68
Bill Lunde	34-35-69
Brian Gay	35-34-69
Ben Curtis	34-35-69
Davis Love III	35-34-69
Charlie Beljan	36-33-69
Mathew Goggins	37-32-69
Jerry Kelly	37-32-69
Danny Lee	33-36-69
Erik Compton	33-36-69
Alexandre Rocha	33-36-69
Carmilo Villegas	36-34-70
Vijay Singh	35-35-70
Tim Petrovic	34-36-70
Rod Pampling	35-35-70
Scott Dunlap	36-34-70
Robert Karlsson	33-37-70
Zack Miller	35-35-70
Matt Jones	34-36-70
Ryuji Imada	35-35-70
Justin Leonard	34-36-70
Heath Slocum	37-33-70
Tim Herron	33-37-70
David Hearn	33-37-70
Chris Riley	35-35-70
Russell Knox	35-35-70
Matt Hill	36-34-70
Stephen Gangloff	35-35-70
Martin Flores	37-34-71
John Rollins	35-36-71
Mike Weir	35-36-71
Cameron Beckman	34-37-71
Stephen Ames	35-36-71
Rory Sabbatini	34-37-71
Ernie Els	35-36-71
Chris Stroud	36-35-71
Marco Dawson	37-34-71
Bobby Gates	36-33-71
Brendon Todd	36-35-71
Steven Bowditch	34-37-71
Mark Anderson	36-35-71
Derek Lamely	34-37-71
Angel Cabrera	36-35-71
Frank Lickliter II	35-36-71
Bryce Molder	37-34-71
Aaron Baddeley	35-36-71
J.B. Holmes	37-34-71
Dean Wilson	33-38-71

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# Arum eyes Rios vs Alvarado winner for Pacquiao



**LAS VEGAS (AP)**—When Top Rank promoter, Bob Arum, announced that Manny Pacquiao's (54-4-2, 38 knockouts) next fight—after his Dec. 8 showdown against Juan Manuel Marquez (54-6-1, 39 knockouts) — would be on April 20, the undefeated Floyd Mayweather (43-0-0, 26 knockouts) was ruled as a potential opponent. Pacquiao isn't in a position

to set a fight date without Mayweather's consent, and the Filipino congressman's request for a 45 percent split surely wasn't going to entice Floyd. Arum revealed Pacquiao's next fight will likely be against the winner of the Brandon Rios (30-0-1, 22 knockouts) vs Mike Alvarado (33-0-0, 23 knockouts) bout set for Oct. 13, during an interview with BoxingScene.com. "The public will go crazy for that fight," Arum said. "Imagine

Manny against either of these animals [Rios or Alvarado]. Manny will have to become an animal himself. Absolutely. These guys will make him an animal." Rios, who came in two pounds over the lightweight limit (135 pounds), struggled during his last outing against Richard Abril, getting out-boxed during their April 14 encounter (the tough weight cut probably had something to do with his performance). Abril clearly

won the fight, but Rios ended up getting a controversial split decision. Calling him a monster is simply not accurate, as Abril made it clear that "Bam Bam" still has a lot to learn about the sweet science. Alvarado has been a bit more impressive lately, it is not sure if he's ready for the likes of Pacquiao. The 32 year-old isn't anywhere as experienced as Pacquiao. Heck, Alvarado has never even been in a 12-

round fight before. Given the fact Pacquiao's professional boxing career is coming towards an end, it's hard to understand why his camp would set the bar so low. With fighters like Saul "Canelo" Alvarez, Miguel Cotto, and Timothy Bradley lurking around, Pacquiao has more challenging options available, and he'll continue to hurt his credibility with hardcore boxing fans if he decides to take the easy road.

## 8 teams vie for championship

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The Tan Holdings' 40th Anniversary Sports Festival Basketball Tournament is down to eight teams after last week's elimination games at the Gillette

Multipurpose Gymnasium of the TSL Sports Complex. The remaining contenders are Tribes Bar, RMS Saipan, D&Q International Distributors, Chambre Bar,



the Cosmos, Nami Bar, and CTSI Logistics. The original 16 teams were trimmed to half last weekend and the first single elimination playoff rounds tipped off yesterday.

Today's semifinals begin at 9:30am, while the finals is set for 1:45pm. A consolation match at 1pm precedes the championship game. The champion team gets \$400 worth of sports equipment, while \$300 will be awarded to the runner-up, \$200 to third place, and \$100 to the fourth finisher.

Games are being played under a pair of 15-minute halves and follow FIBA rules, however as a special rule, the first team to reach 40 points, with a two-point lead, will automatically be declared the winner. Then in the finals, teams will play under two 20-minute halves with omission of the special "first to 40" rule.

## WHISPERING

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finals seat yesterday afternoon and results of their semis tiff were unavailable at press time. Whispering Palms came into yesterday's first semis match the heavy favorites after holding an impressive unbeaten record (14-0) in the regular season and lived up to expectations with a two-set victory over the fourth-ranked SIS (9-5).

After showing poise in the first set with a 6-point win, the Emily Young-coached squad dominated the second half of the second set. The SIS Geckos threatened a comeback early in the second set, 4-6, behind the hits of Alex Park and Emily Jones, but was stucked to 6 points, while Whispering Palms' Maile Aldrich made several aces and Steven Lee scored a couple of spikes to widen the gap, 17-6. The Geckos sued for time,

but gained only one point after the quick break, while Colin Ramsey stepped up at the service area and also scored several aces. SIS made one final push for a comeback when it earned two straight points off Whispering Palms errors, 9-22, before Negahr Rastguiry closed the game for the Terns. Rastguiry's overhand service was too much to handle for SIS, as the first two serves touched three Geckos players, but failed

to be returned Whispering Palms' court. Up at 24-9, Rastguiry went for her third service and this time an SIS player from the backcourt was too slow to react and failed to receive the ball. Young, in a brief interview with *Saipan Tribune* after their semis win yesterday, said her team has to keep its aggressiveness and intensity to win Monday's finale. She added that her players should intimidate their foes with those consistent

serves to have a good chance of winning the championship. "Whether we play Mt. Carmel or Saipan Community, we have to focus on our game and make those serves," Young said. Whispering Palms' undefeated squad has a 13-player roster. Also on the team are Guineverre Borja, Rachel Kwon, Moris Villanueva, Gideon Borja, Suah Cho, Olivia Hirsh, Caitlin Tinney, Alisa Tsatsral, and Troy Young.

## SHIRLEY'S

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points at the get-go, while CTSI was held to only four field goals, allowing the former to take a commanding 19-point lead, 31-12. Fradel Sedillo led Shirley's strong start, as he logged 13 points in the opening canto, while Rommel Usi chipped in 7. Shirley's offense slowed down in the second canto, as Sedillo and company tallied only 16 markers, but CTSI-D&Q also did not pick up its scoring and made only 10 points. By the end of the first half, Shirley's was still enjoying a 47-22 advantage. Jack Lizama scored the bulk

of CTSI-D&Q's points in the first half, but after posting 9 markers in the first 20 minutes of play, he was held to three field goals and scoreless in the fourth quarter, and Shirley's walked away with the easy win. Sedillo paced Shirley's with his 27 points, while Usi had 13, and Vince Yap and Erick Dela Rosa added 11 each.

### Kanoa 77, JP Centre 67

In the second match last Saturday, Kanoa improved to a 2-3 mark after outclassing JP Centre. JP Centre was still in the game at the end of the third, behind by only three, 54-57, when Ryan Manglona and Leonard Sablan teamed up in the fourth quarter

to lift Kanoa to the 10-point win. The youthful duo combined for 15 of Kanoa's 20 points and outgunned the entire JP Centre crew, who had only 13 markers—its lowest output in a quarter. JP Centre fell to a 2-3 slate, dropping its last two games.

### POI 81, Fiesta 72

In a make-up game last Wednesday, POI broke into the win column after downing Fiesta Resort & Spa. Fiesta played without Elmer Esdrelon, but managed to keep pace with POI in the first half, before the latter went to business in the second half to snap its four-game losing skid. Fiesta, the league's defending cham-

pion, fell to a dismal 1-4 card. POI was ahead by only 5 at halftime, 38-33, when Ferdie Arago, Ramsa Tenepere, and Frank Acosta teamed up in the third-quarter breakaway. Arago scored 8 of his 23 points in the third, Tenepere contributed 6, and Acosta hit back-to-back triples at the end of that period to power POI to a 70-52 lead. Fiesta never recovered.

### SATURDAY First Game

**Kanoa Resort 77**—Manglona 23, Sablan 20, De Leon 9, Guerrero 8, Pablo 7, Ada 3, Ganiban 2, Benavente 1. **JP Centre 67** — Ong 21, Angeles 12, Caduan 12, de la Torre

10, Moran 8, Valdez 4. **Scoring by quarters:** 26-20, 47-38, 57-54, 77-67. **Second Game** **Shirley's 90** — Sedillo 27, Usi 13, Yap 11, Dela Rosa 11, Laxa 7, Catungal 7, Escalada 4. **CTSI 64** — Lizama 15, Piteg 14, Jinang 10, Alcantara 6, Shai 6, Garcia 4, Sakuma 4, Canchero 3. **Scoring by quarters:** 31-12, 47-22, 67-42, 90-64.

### WEDNESDAY

**POI 81** — Arago 23, Tenepere 20, Sablan 12 Acosta 11, Mejia 8, Esteves 6, Santos 2. **Fiesta Resort 72** — Galag 29, Macoto 19, Quizon 14, Castro 4, Alokoa 2. **Scoring by quarters:** 17-16,

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league frontrunner managed to hold off two-time defending champions IT&E's Voyagers (110-70) despite the latter's dominating 12-3 road victory this week over 19th Hole's Titans I (67-113). In other results, the third-ranked Utopia Sports Bar's Blue Ice-Hustlers (109-71) defeated Poseidon Bar & Grill's Crazy 8 (67-113), 9-6, on the road and Oceanside Bar & Grill's IT&E Incredibles (107-73) steamrolled Poseidon's Yuichiros Printing

(68-112), 14-1, at home. Notably, IT&E Incredibles' Chester Hamoy ran the table for the seventh time this week and leads Blue Ice Hustlers' Jerry Soriano (5) and Docomo Home Boyz duo, Nolan Cultura (5) and Juancho Mendoza (5). The Home Boyz's Robert Sanciango, IT&E Voyagers' Arjay Nonato, and Yuichiros' Mario Diola have each sunk the 8-ball on the break one time, thus far. Last Thursday, the Titans II smashed sister team Eagles (55-125), 14-1, in a home draw to nab a three-game lead in the Thursday league.

The Titans II improved to a 113-67 slate, ahead of rival squad Equalizers (110-70). The Equalizers worked out a 9-6 home win over The Waterfront's Eight It! (98-82), and Jonny's

Bar & Grill's Team SCS (79-101) pulled off a 9-6 upset at home over Wild Bill's Bar & Grill's Shark Attack (85-95). Notables remain, one-time "8-ball on break sinkers," Ken

Phillips of the Eagles and the Equalizers' Jerry Soriano; Team SCS's Erwin Gomez has ran the table a league-high five times and leads Soriano (3) and Eight It!'s Rey Pinangay (3).

**Activity Schedule for Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012**

**Tan Holdings Inter-Company Basketball League 2nd Season**

**5:00 PM:** Pacific Oriental Inc. vs. JP Center

**6:30 PM:** CTSI-DEQ vs. Kanoa Resort

**8:00 PM:** Shirley's Coffee Shop vs. Fiesta Resort





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## Whispering Palms returns to v'ball finals

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**W**hispering Palms now has another chance to win the championship it missed last year after claiming the first finals berth in junior varsity division of the 2012-2013 Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association Volleyball League.

The Terns, who bowed to Grace Christian Academy in last season's finale, 27-29, 16-25, earned a return trip to the finals after sweeping Saipan International School A in the semifinals, 25-19, 25-9, yesterday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Whispering Palms will face the winner of the Mt. Carmel School-Saipan Community School pairing in the winner-take-all finale on Monday. The Knights and Tsunamis duelled for the second and last



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Spectators watch Whispering Palms' Colin Ramsey receives a return from Saipan International School during the second set of their semis game in the COPSSA junior varsity volleyball league yesterday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



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Kanoa Resort's Manny De Leon, center, is hemmed in by JP Centre' Dino Valdez, right, and John March Ong during the third quarter of their game in the Tan Holdings caging last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium of the TSL Sports Complex.

## Shirley's sweeps first round

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pose Gymnasium of the TSL Sports Complex.

Shirley's Coffee Shop won the battle of undefeated teams in the 2012 Tan Holdings Inter-Company Basketball League after pounding CTSI-D&Q, 90-64, last Saturday at the Gillette Multipur-



A jackrabbit start gave Shirley's a sweep in the first round of the double-round robin regular season and handed CTSI-D&Q its first loss in five games.

Shirley's scored 31 big **See SHIRLEY'S on Page 23**

## SIS, GCA on top of MISO v'ball league

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Saipan International School and Grace Christian Academy have risen to the top of the ranks, heading into the third round of the 2012-2013 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Boys Volleyball League.

In last Thursday's pairings at the Marianas High School Gymnasium, SIS-Green swept Saipan Southern High School's Manta Rays (0-2) in all three sets, 25-19, 25-19, 15-11, while GCA received the nod over the MHS Blue Dolphins (1-1) after winning the first two sets, 25-15, 15-16. The Blue Dolphins took the last set, 16-14, to avoid a shutout.

In other results, SIS-White



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Saipan International School Green Geckos' So Hyuk Park returns a shot over the net to Saipan Southern High School during their game in the MISO volleyball league last Thursday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

made light work of the MHS Yellow Dolphins (0-2) in all three sets of their duel, 25-11, 25-6, 15-6.

Notably, the Mount Carmel School's Knights (1-1) were awarded victory via forfeiture over Kagman High School's Ayuyus (0-2), who have yet to make an official appearance this season.

The SIS White and Green Geckos and GCA's Eagles are all looking to keep their flawless runs alive as the season continues this Tuesday at the MHS Gym, starting at 4pm.

SIS-Green will take on MHS Blue on the north square at 4pm, while Kagman is scheduled to face MHS Yellow on the south end at the same time. Then at 5pm, MCS will duel Southern on the north court, while an enticing battle between GCA and SIS-White will take place on the south side.



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The Docomo Pacific Home Boyz, pictured in this recent file photo, maintained the lead in SBA's Tuesday league with a clutch 12-3 road win over Bammy's Restaurant & Bar's Triggers.

## Home Boyz, Titans II stay in front of 8-ball tilt

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The Docomo Pacific Home Boyz of Joe's Steakhouse and 19th Hole Bar's Titans II currently hold control in Saipan Billiards Association's 15th Budweiser Open 8-Ball League.

The Docomo Home Boyz traveled to Bammy's Restaurant & Bar and routed the Triggers (81-99), 12-3, to maintain the top spot in the Tuesday field with its 111-69 record. **See HOME on Page 23**